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ALLIED FORCE MAKING STAND IN PASS OF THERMOPYLAE

NAZI MENACE IN IRAQ

Replying to a Commons question, Mr. Eden declared yesterday that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and to the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

Mr. Morris Jones (Liberal Nationalist) asked whether Mr. Eden would see that no Foreign Office sensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out bag and baggage immediately.

Mr. Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had power and authority to take action.—Reuter

MATSUOKA TOUR QUESTIONS

Mr. Matsuoka did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, during question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr. Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

Commander Bower (Conservative): "Is Mr. Eden so misled that Mr. Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?"

Mr. Eden: "I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other States. I feel sure the Japanese Ambassador does his task."—Reuter

BULGARIAN ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

The Bulgarian Minister at Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedogach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Free French Agency. The

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED AND SUNK

It is officially announced by the Admiralty that the armed merchant cruiser, H.M.S. "Rajputana" has been torpedoed and sunk.

She is a sister-ship of the Rawalpindi. Reuter.

Hospital Ship Attacked

A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived at Haifa yesterday.

It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately bombed by five Nazi planes whilst embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences.—Reuter

Yugoslav Decision

The Yugoslav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with the other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr. Eden told the House of Commons yesterday that the Yugoslav Government is now established, having given formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory has been won.

Britain, added Mr. Eden, firmly intends to restore the independence of Yugoslavia, and in the meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.—Reuter

Agency also reports that part of the British Colony in Aleria has arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor.—Reuter

Still Inflicting Heavy Losses On The Germans

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANCHORED TO MOUNTAIN POSITIONS IN THE PASS OF THERMOPYLAE, BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS LAST NIGHT WERE WAGING A FURIOUS BATTLE TO KEEP THE GERMANS FROM SWEEPING OUT OF THE PLAIN OF THESSALY INTO ATHENS.

Immense losses continue to be inflicted upon the Germans, according to Anglo-Greek advices from the front, as the Germans continued to throw infantry recklessly into the battle.

All authoritative information indicates that the Allied withdrawal has been halted and that the Greek and British troops are attempting to make an effective stand in the same area where 2,421 years ago Leonidas held off the Persian hordes.—International News Service.

The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It was pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances is limited and considerable damage have been done to them by both sides.

This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the Germans' tempestuous push which enabled the British forces to carry out the successful withdrawal to the new line.

Easing off may also have been due, it was stated, to heavy losses suffered by the Germans.

ONE GERMAN DIVISION TAKEN BACK TO RUMANIA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH HAD LOST 65 PER CENT OF ITS PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL, ACCORDING TO REPORTS BY REFUGEES.

Full-Scale Attack

Reuter's special correspondent with the British Forces in Greece states that a full-scale attack by German hordes against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment.

The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in dealing with the attacks of the advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited wounded being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits though they realise they are up against it."

Air Attacks

While the British troops stolidly face the full strength of the German Army now being marshalled for attack, they are being dive-bombed and machine-gunned

QUISLING TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN NORWAY AND RUSSIA, ACCORDING TO THE QUISLING COMMISSAR OF COMMERCE, CHANESSEN, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The agreement, states the Norwegian Telegraph Agency, provides for the exchange of goods to the total value of 40,000,000 kroner.

Norway will receive supplies of corn, cake-meal, fuel-oil and cotton in exchange for industrial products.—Reuter.



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EYE-WITNESS STORY OF THE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF TRIPOLI

Over Five Hundred Tons Of Shells Poured Into Port

(Reuter's Special Correspondent Aboard the Flagship of a Battle Fleet of the Mediterranean Fleet)

FOR 50 MINUTES YESTERDAY, I WATCHED BATTLESHIPS AND LIGHT UNITS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET PLASTER ITALY'S MAIN NORTH AFRICAN PORT OF TRIPOLI WITH 553 TONS OF SHELLS.

The bombardment which began shortly after dawn on Monday was the heaviest of the war. The results so far confirmed from air observation, include hits on destroyer berths with one destroyer badly damaged, five merchant ships burned out or sunk and at least four others hit and set on fire.

The Spanish Quay, which was one of the principal objects of the bombardment, received two 15-inch salvoes with two further probable direct hits from 15-inch guns. This was followed by ten minutes of continuous hits from lighter armaments resulting in the destruction of warehouses and offices.

Further damage was done to the power station and railway station, and an army stores depot, while a large building, thought to be an army headquarters, was seen to collapse.

Finally, a large fire was left blazing following hits on an oil-fuel depot.

Apart from these successes, pilots of the Fleet Arm also scored heavily during the five days we have been at sea.

They shot down two shadowing planes and four large German troop-transports were forced down into the sea, and badly damaged a large Dornier flying-boat. During the operations we lost only one fighter. Otherwise there was no damage nor casualties.

Convoy First

The operation for which we went to sea obviously was for covering certain convoys, which was successfully carried out.

It was not until the third day at sea that the Commander of this ship announced his intention to bombard Tripoli early the following morning.

Our first two days at sea were entirely uneventful. We were joined by other units of the fleet which a few days previously had carried out a bombardment of the Cyrenaican coast and had sunk five merchantmen with their escort of three destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

Air Clash

On the morning of the third day, the Fleet Air Arm had its first success when one of Italy's newest type of 'planes was shot down.

The same afternoon, a formation of three large slow-moving 'planes, presumably en route to Benghazi from Sicily, were sighted astern. British fighters immediately gave chase, whereupon two more enemy 'planes were sighted. All proved to be Junkers 55's—large triple-engined troop-carrying 'planes.

The combat was too far for me to watch but I learned afterwards that the fighters shot down four of the 'planes before running out of ammunition. It was in this fight that one of our fighters was lost.

Submarine Warning

Towards dusk that day, a submarine was reported in the neighbourhood and British destroyers dropped depth-charges for over an hour, but no effects were observed.

Decks were cleared for action of all unnecessary gear, pictures, shelves, bookcases and doors were stripped from the ward-room. So far we had been extremely lucky and had not received any air attacks.

When darkness fell, the enemy apparently still unaware of our intentions, we altered course and went full-speed ahead for Tripoli.

Opening Phase

While still two hours' distance from Tripoli, we could see violent anti-aircraft fire and flaming oil slicks as the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm had already begun their attack, engaging the port defences while we took up position for bombardment.

We also passed a fully illuminated hospital ship about 10 miles from Tripoli but it was very unlikely that she saw the blacked-out battle as the moon had not yet risen.

Although the raid carried out by British 'planes had failed to start any big fires, the large number of green, blue, yellow, and white flaming oil slicks sent up by Tripoli defenders provided ample guide as we approached.

For fully half an hour, I watched an intermittent barrage against our aircraft as we gradually crept near the shore. A solitary Italian searchlight tried to pick out an encircling aircraft which was continuously dropping bombs and flares.

Half an hour before the naval bombardment was due to begin, I left the flight deck from which I was watching the progress of the raid, and climbed into an after 15-inch control tower which was my action station.

Eerie Watch

It was a most eerie watch in this small circular control tower situated immediately above the 15-inch after-gun turrets. The only light came from instrument panels and glare from slowly dropping flares through narrow observation slits.

Wearing white helmets, and long white gauntlets, we waited for the zero hour of 0500. The sea was dead calm. Slowly moving ships sent out long ripples as they took up positions, preceded by destroyers. The last quarter of the moon appeared just over the horizon dead astern. The

night was brightly starlit. Visibility ahead had been good as we approached within 11,000 yards of the shore, but the preliminary bombing raid had thrown up clouds of dust and smoke.

Drifting Past

It was nevertheless possible to pick out a large two-tunnel ship lying in the harbour before our first salvo crashed into the town sending up large columns of dust. That was the signal for all ships to open fire. We hardly seemed to move as we drifted past the target firing on almost the same bearing for 25 minutes. Throughout this period, no opposition was encountered.

All efforts by the defenders appeared to be centred on shooting down the numerous flares which the British 'planes were dropping in batches of 12, lighting up the town. An unceasing stream of multicoloured flaming oil slicks rose from the smoke-smothered town. They looked like necklaces leaving strange patterns in the sky as they floated up in a gigantic fire-work display.

Blotted Out

Soon, not only the coastline, but also the dim forms of the ships astern were completely blotted out by a pall of smoke but the British gunners had their range. After 25 minutes, we altered course and swung our guns to starboard. Not till then did the enemy shore batteries open fire on us. All our ships continued firing for a further 25 minutes until 0550 hours.

Flashes were now visible from two shore batteries and there was an unpleasant sound of shells whistling overhead. As the bombardment progressed spotting became more and more difficult and we did not learn the full results until late that afternoon.

My last impression of Tripoli as we drew away was a solid blanket of smoke and sand. Flares and dense clouds of smoke were rising into the sky as an oil-fuel depot blazed furiously. Our firing range was about seven miles and one ship alone fired over 150 tons of shells into the port.

With less than two hours of darkness in which to withdraw from the Tripoli coast, we were prepared for a most unpleasant day.

We did not expect to sit down for a mid-day meal and ships' cooks had been busy the previous evening preparing cornish pasties for a picnic luncheon, but the immediate retaliation we expected did not materialise.

'Planes Shot Down

We sighted an enemy seaplane which our fighters promptly destroyed and a large Dornier flying-boat which was forced down into the sea and took off again only to be forced back into the sea badly damaged.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, as we were hastening towards our base, three Junkers 88's came over but before they reached gun range, our fighters intercepted them. One was shot down and the port engine of the second set on fire. — Reuter.

GERMANS RAIDING EAST ANGLIA AND N.W.

There was some enemy air activity round the British coast in daylight yesterday.

An Air Ministry communique states that the raiders were mainly active near the East Coast. A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.

Enemy 'planes were reported over East Anglia and North-Western England last night. — Reuter.

ABSURD RUMOUR QUASHED

A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell enjoys the full confidence of the Government, and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was given in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Moyne.

The rumour in question had been mentioned by Lord Elibank, who said that it apparently arose from the recent visit of the C.I.G.S., Sir John Dill, to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that Sir John Dill's visit was in accordance with the normal practice whereby personal contact between the highest military authorities at Home and in the field is consistently maintained. — Reuter.

U.S. AID IN THE WAR

A call for further aid and material to be furnished to the nations of Europe was made in a speech by Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, at a St. George's Day luncheon yesterday in Ottawa.

He declared that Canada and the United States were prepared to defend not only the coastline of North America but the seas for over 900 miles from the shore.

Referring to aid for Europe, he said that he was hopeful that more aid would be forthcoming as a result of the Hyde Park declaration issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King which announced the pooling of the defence resources of Canada and the United States to ensure the most effective aid to Britain.

Referring to the change in military technique, Mr. La Guardia concluded: "Uniformed forces of the army and navy, no matter how courageous, cannot win a war any longer."

"Wars to-day are won by the people at home, people raising food in the fields and workers in factories producing weapons." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SORTIE

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS CARRIED OUT TWO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RAIDS FROM TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS A BRITISH HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE FROM CAIRO.

Seventeen Italian officers and 430 other ranks were captured while our own casualties were slight.

One enemy field gun was destroyed in the Sollum area.

Our patrols and artillery are continuing their offensive activities. — Reuter.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FLEET

IN A ST. GEORGE'S DAY broadcast yesterday, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield said: "How great is the responsibility of the fleet to-day? How much greater than it should have been?"

"If only Britannia had not slept during those peace years but had rebuilt her navy sooner, many seamen's lives and many millions of tons of vital cargo would have been saved!"

"In the past, a handful of British soldiers changed the history of the world."

English seamen in small ships have driven great enemy fleets off the seas.

"Our foes have been surprised to find our young generation as superior in fighting efficiency to the German. I need not mention valiant as it is a fight by which this great generation of Englishmen will ever be remembered in history."

Lord Chatfield concluded: "What we have done before we can do again. We shall win through." — Reuter.

and other thefts which they admitted, they were given six strokes of the birch and placed on probation for a year.

STOLE EGGS—HAD THEM POACHED AT CAFE

"Poached eggs on toast, please," ordered three eleven-year-old boys in a cafe at Alton, Hants.

"Eggs, indeed," replied the astonished proprietor, "where do you think we get eggs from?"

"That's all right," replied the boys, taking five hens' eggs from their pockets. You toast the bread and we'll give you the eggs."

The bargain was clinched and the boys had a grand "do."

The sequel was at Alton Police Court. The boys had stolen the eggs from a local farm. For this

Hitler No Nearer Goal

HOLD FAST MEANING OF SUCCESS IN GREECE

"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Tsouderos, to the Greek Nation.

He adds: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men."

"The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

"In this tragic but great moment when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King, worthy victor of the great struggle that the nation is putting up, I am truly proud of the political and national unity which has been achieved in this battle possible only through the united effort of Greece and modern... the final termination of it all had to be put in to the invade."

Struck In The Back

"We are defending ourselves against unjust aggression, of unprecedented baseness. To have a cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of a hundred million struck us in the back."

M. Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, glorified and a greater nation from this trial.

"Moreover, the moral strength of our country has never in the past reached the heights attained to-day."—Reuter.

Afraid To Lose 2 Loves

A man who shot his son, his mother-in-law and himself was in love with his wife and her married sister and afraid of losing them both.

This was revealed at the Birmingham inquest on Lester Olave Guest, thirty-two, a van driver, of Acocks Green, Birmingham, his baby son David and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fanny Elizabeth Deswell, fifty-four.

Guest, it was stated, using a Service rifle with a sawn down barrel, killed the woman and his son and then shot himself. Verdicts of wilful murder and suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed were returned.

Mrs. Guest said that last September she discovered that her husband was going out with her married sister, Mrs. Gladys Stone.

Guest told her he had been away with Mrs. Stone and later they lived together for a while. Subsequently, Mr. Stone forgave his wife, and Guest came back to Mrs. Guest.

"I agreed to live with him for the baby's sake," said Mrs. Guest.

Only a week later Guest had again "linked-up" with Mrs. Stone and after this she obtained a separation order.

She went to Cheltenham and he pleaded to be allowed to return to her.

Very Forgiving

The Coroner: "He was running two strings." Mrs. Guest said she did not consent under the circumstances to his return. Mrs. Stone had by

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

ANOTHER KING AND Government have been driven into exile — another little country has been overrun and almost submerged by the ruthless power of Germany's panzer divisions.

But despite this success, which it is not necessary to belittle, the Germans cannot be said to be much nearer their goal.

Britain is Hitler's main enemy. The subjugation of Yugoslavia and the conquest of Greece, which is by no means yet achieved, cannot weaken Britain or strengthen Germany.

It is true that small forces of British troops have been involved in the Greek campaign. These forces are still fighting with undiminished confidence, although how long they will be able to hold out remains to be seen.

Weight Of Numbers

It was obvious to any military critic that the British force was of limited strength when no attempt was made to hold the pass covering Salonika.

It is reckoned that the Germans disposed of 25 divisions as well as four fully motorised divisions, while the Italians had almost as many in Albania. The total Greek forces were much smaller and sheer weight of numbers was bound to tell in the Axis favour.

It is learned on good authority that both the British and Greek casualties have been comparatively small. The Germans had claimed 80,000 prisoners in Western Thrace, but authoritative Greek circles declare that the bulk of the Greek army in that area was safely evacuated by sea.

ONE GREEK FORCE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS BEEN CUT OFF IN THE EPIRUS MOUNTAINS AND HAS CAPITULATED.

Morea Stand

The remainder of the Greek Army is still fighting on the British left wing and there are grounds for hoping that they will continue even should the Pass of Thermopylae be overwhelmed.

The Isthmus leading to Morea suggests an easily defensible position where, if adequate air protection is available, the battle could continue with ever mounting costs to the Axis.—Reuter.

this time returned to her husband for a second time.

The Coroner: "You people are very forgiving."

A fortnight before the tragedy Guest told her he still loved her.

The Coroner: He didn't know what he wanted?—That is right.

Her sister had told her that Guest had said he was afraid of losing both of them.

On the day of the tragedy Guest told her mother: "You have killed Gladys's love for me."

Her mother replied: "You have no right to take another man's wife."

"Then I heard a shot," said Mrs. Guest. "I looked up and saw him holding the gun."

"He was pointing it towards me. I got behind the pantry door. I don't think he intended to kill me."

William Frederick Stone, Mrs. Gladys Stone's husband, said that on one occasion when he spoke to Guest about going with his wife, Guest went hysterical.

H. G. OFFICERS "ON MERIT ONLY"

"It is an instruction to the selection boards for commissions in the Home Guard that officers will be chosen primarily for their powers of leadership and the confidence they are likely to inspire in all ranks, and that business, social or political prominence will not be regarded as a qualification in this respect."

This is the War Minister's written reply to Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, M.P., who asked about the circularisation of Colonel Bingham's "Old School Tie" letter to commanders in the Home Guard.

The letter, Mr. MacMillan said, had been sent round by Colonel Woods, of a Home Guard zone headquarters, with the instruction to "bear Colonel Bingham's views in mind."

GREEK KING AND GOVERNMENT IN CRETE

"THE CRUEL DESTINY of war to-day compels us and the Heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful Government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete from where we will be able to continue the struggle."

It is the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity, laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we have suffered from two empires," said King George of the Hellenes, in his message to the Greek people.

"Our will and that of the Greek Government and people as already affirmed in manifold fashion calls for resistance to the end of the Greek people, which despite the unequal nature of the struggle, particularly after the invasion, opposed the enemy with the support of the British forces that came to our aid and fought so brilliantly and are still fighting on Greek soil for a just cause."

"Though exhausted after six months' victorious hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continue the struggle against the German offensive with unheard of heroism."

Epirus Mystery

"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the Commander-in-Chief and the Government. This signature in nowise binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining with us to safeguard our national interests."

Continuing the Struggle

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able to freely, from Free Greek territory, continue the struggle against the invaders until the final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concluded by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, to remain faithful to the idea of one country, united and indivisible, free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."—Reuter.

AIR BATTLE OVER TOBRUK

Royal Air Force fighters intercepted a large force of enemy aircraft over Tobruk on Tuesday afternoon and although greatly outnumbered shot down two Messerschmidt fighters, a Fiat fighter and a Junkers bomber.

Other enemy aircraft were badly damaged.

Continued attacks on enemy mechanised forces in Cyrenaica were made throughout Tuesday. Machine-gun attacks on German motor transport vehicles resulted in heavy casualties and much confusion to the enemy.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs were dropped on two moles and a direct hit was registered on one ship. Other shipping was also damaged.—Reuter.

YOUTH AS OLD MEN FADE OUT

Many of the older men in the Home Guard are to "fade out" and be replaced by younger men, General Finlayson, Commander-in-Chief of the Western Command, states.

"The old members have set an excellent example to the younger people, and their work is much appreciated," the General told a reporter. "But the time comes when they have to fade out."

"Now is the time for the young men to be taken in, and trained for fighting when the need arises."

There was little likelihood of the Home Guard being called upon en masse, added the General, because invasion could not go on for a long time. It would come, he believed, then end, but arrangements were being made for any eventuality.

QUEEN GIVES FOOD CONVOY FLEET

THE QUEEN has presented eight mobile canteens for service in the new system of food convoys to bombed towns which is being instituted by the Ministry of Food. The Food Minister announced that there will be eighteen of these "flying squads" centred in different parts of the country liable to enemy attack.

Each food convoy will be a complete unit carrying its own wood, water, solid fuel and cooking utensils. It will be under the control of the Divisional Food Officer, who will dispatch the convoy to any town which notifies him that it requires aid.

The convoy will arrive ready to go on with the job of feeding the people. When its own supplies have been exhausted it will draw further supplies from emergency centres.

"It will remain in the blitzed city until the normal catering capacity of the city is able to take care of the job itself," said the Minister.

"The convoys will be supplementary to the emergency food service, which it is the duty of towns and cities in vulnerable areas to provide."

The whole cost of the convoys will be met by voluntary contributions.

Motor-Cyclist Escort

Mr. P. G. Whalley, who was brought into the Ministry of Food to organise these convoys, said each would cost between four thousand and five thousand pounds, and the first units will be completed in the next fortnight or three weeks.

The convoys will consist of a water tanker of 300 to 350 gallons capacity; two lorries containing food, each carrying about 6,000 meals of tea, bread and margarine, and vegetable stew; two kitchen lorries, each containing kitchen equipment and fuel; and three mobile canteens to carry food to the bombed streets.

Attached to the convoys will be five motor cyclists to maintain liaison between the canteen and local authorities.

There will be no charge for meals, but a collection box will be on each mobile canteen.

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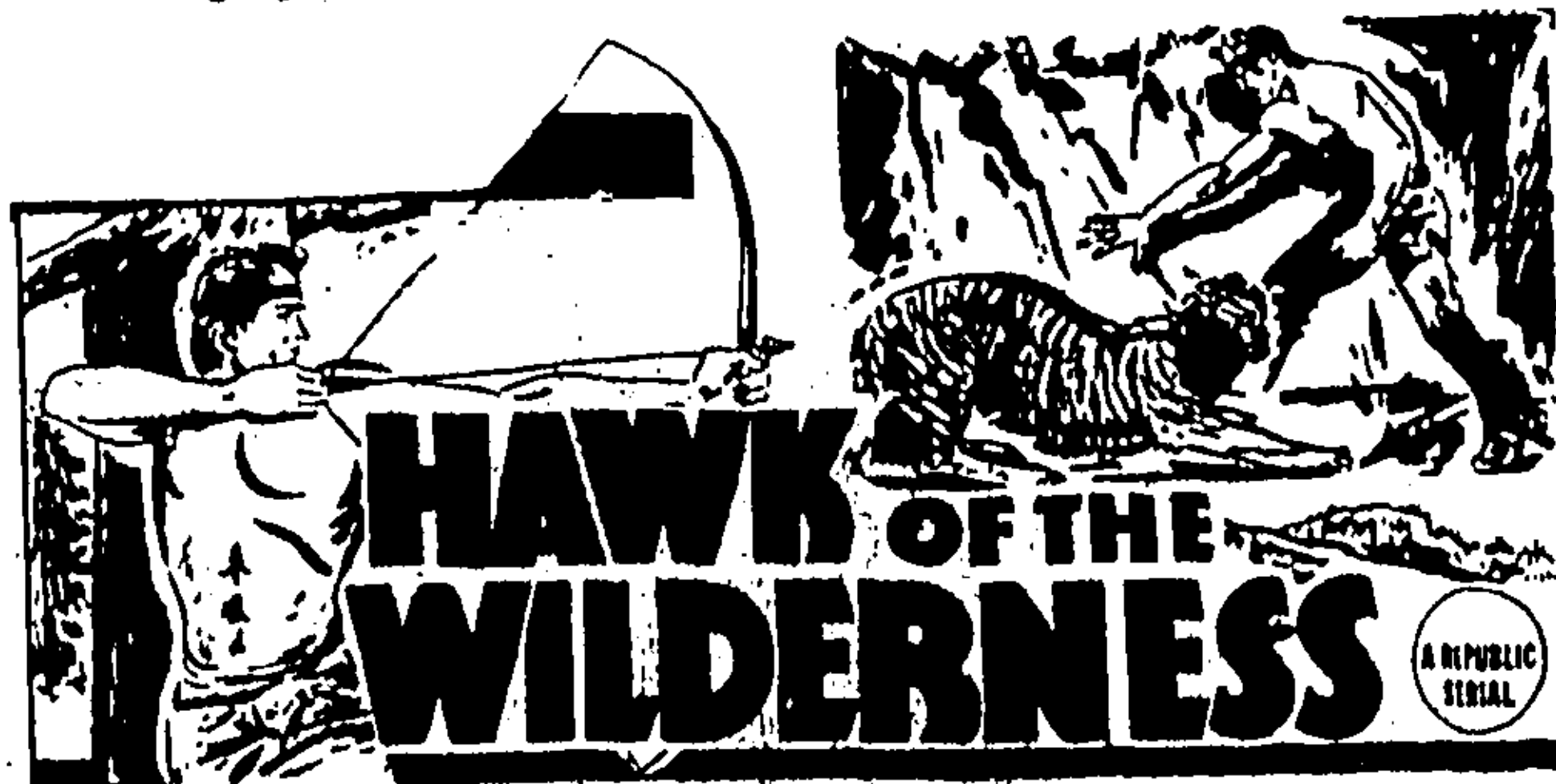
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NEARLY THOUSAND AMERICAN 'PLANES REACH R.A.F.

NEARLY 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the Royal Air Force and only one aircraft has been lost on the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords yesterday. We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It was a very big aeroplane, faster than a Stirling and carried a fine bomb load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 326 engines.

There naturally had been a drain on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy, but our disappointment thereon is dissipated by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and likely to be developed and extended and possibly we shall soon be able to fly our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Dispersal Policy

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed.

Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants on a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings, in which the Germans had claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity, have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants have been out of the bombed area altogether.

Large Reserve

Rapidly as the Royal Air Force is expanding, strengthened by the flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage shows a satisfactory position.

Of the five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent.

We are not satisfied with that and think the Royal Air Force is entitled to a reserve of 200 or 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding increasing supplies from America, our own production must continue to be of first importance.

In February, we produced more operational aircraft, bombers and fighters, than ever before.

In March we achieved another record, with two and a half times the production of last year. The March output exceeded our target programme.—Ruler.

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More gas masks are now to be seen in the buses, trains and trams in London and the provinces, and people are testing their masks or going to A.R.P. centres to have them inspected.

Others are wearing their masks for ten minutes every day. The Premier's warning of the danger of gas attack has had good effect.

One London borough has set an example to the rest of the Metropolis. Ealing claims to have achieved an almost 100 per cent. inspection of gas masks throughout the borough.

"The borough has been given the once-over," an Ealing A.R.P. official said.

Asked if the general public were willing to go into the gas chamber to ensure the efficiency

KEEP 24-HOUR FIRE WATCH---RAID OR NO RAID

Firms must provide a fire-watch for twenty-four hours a day, whether there is an air raid in progress or not.

Sir Gervais Rentoul, magistrate at West London Police Court, gave this ruling. He said:—

"The occupier (of premises coming under the Order) has to provide a fire watcher on the premises when there are no hostile planes in the vicinity, or no air raid warning in progress.

He May Sleep

"The watcher can go to sleep. He can sit in an armchair, or he can amuse himself how he likes, providing he is on the premises and ready to spring to attention, as it were, when an air raid warning goes, or hostile planes are heard.

"It is perfectly reasonable. The whole purpose of this order is to try to prevent fires from incendiary bombs.

"Had this system been in existence six weeks ago a great deal of the City of London would have been saved."

Stating that the cases had clarified the position, the magistrate dismissed, on payment of £3. 3s. costs, summonses against a fire-watcher and his employer for failing to secure a fire watch at all necessary times.

of their respirators, the A.R.P. man said that hundreds had availed themselves of the opportunity.

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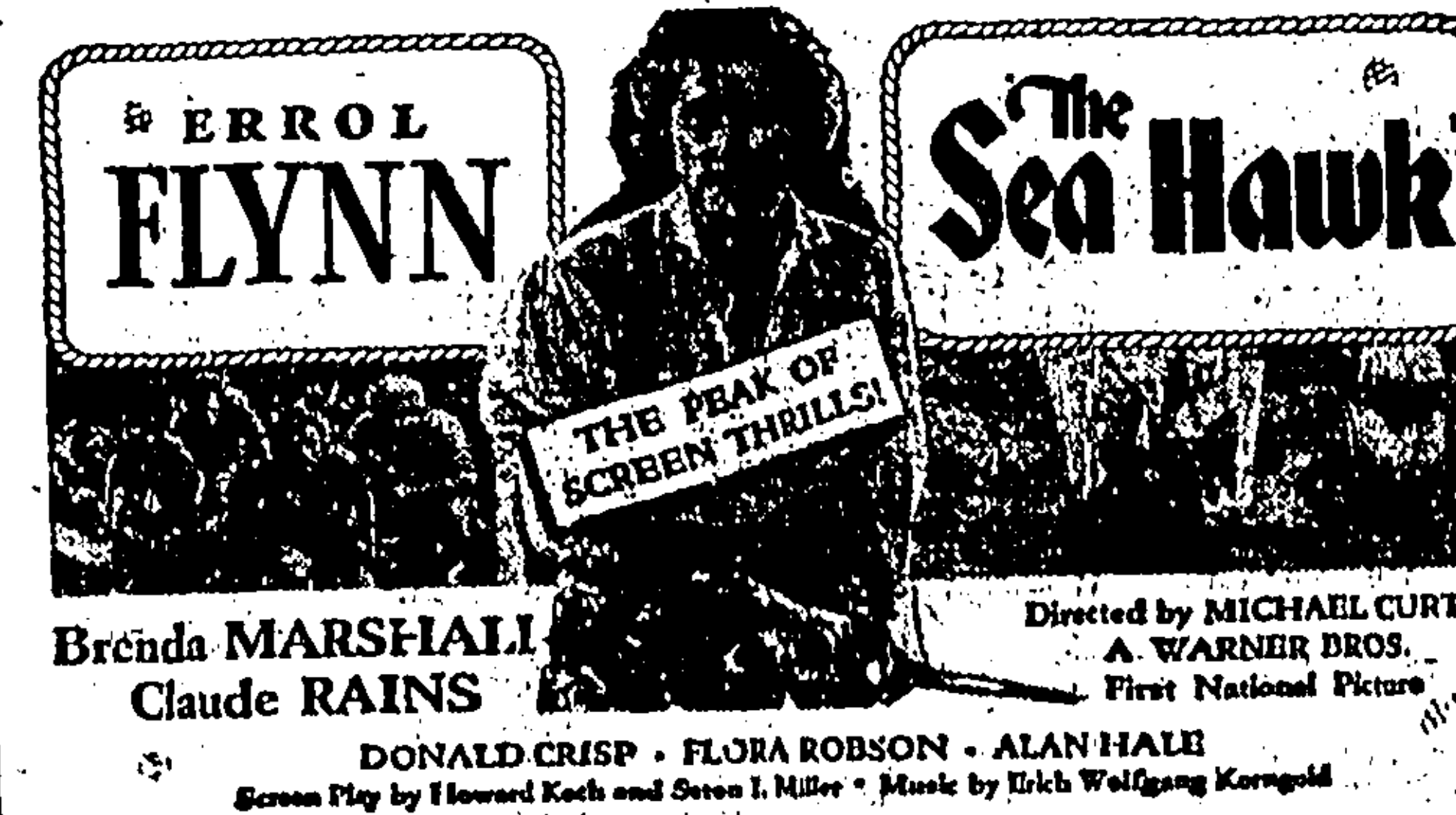
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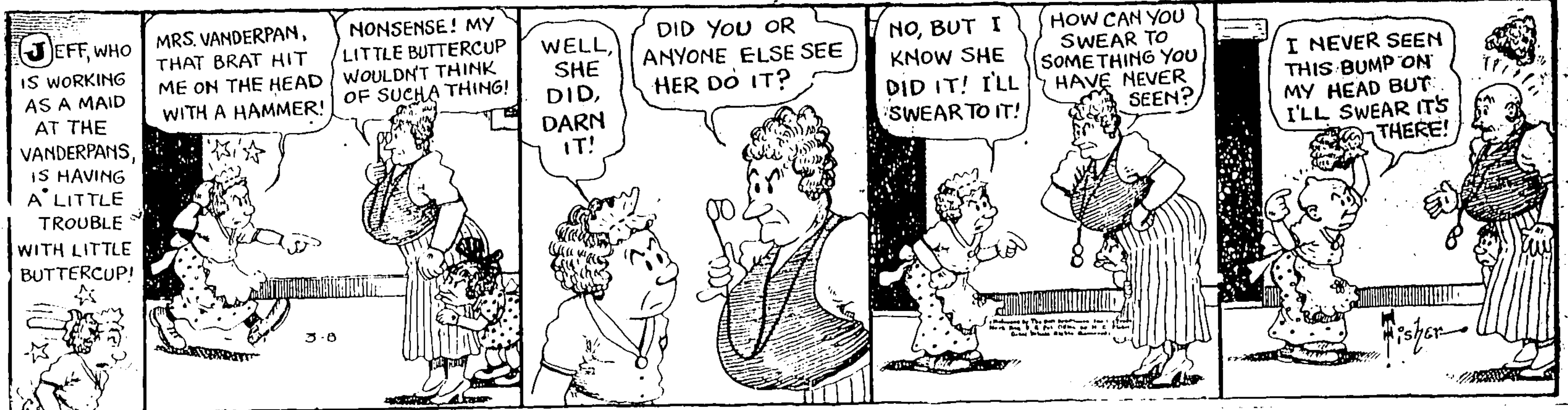


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DENNY SHUTE RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH STARK

DENNY SHUTE, former British open champion, renewed his partnership with Bill Stark of Jacksonville, in the seventh annual national amateur-professional best-ball match play championship that was played on the St. Augustine links last March 12 to 16.

Shute did not compete in the event last year. The year before Denny and Bill captured the championship by defeating Marvin Stahl of Lansing, Mich., and Melvin Herbert of Bath, Creek, Mich., 5 and 4, in the final.

Shute, who has won the P. G. A. crown twice in succession, has just resumed play. His partner, Stark, on the other hand, is shooting beautiful golf these days. Bill recently won at St. Augustine the Walter J. Travis Memorial play annual reward to the leader of the national championship of golf club championships. The top fellow defeated F. E. Hale and C. E. Phillips, Charles Hutchins and John Meyer and Dick Van Kleeen on his match to the crown.

Ideal Team

The team is ideal for a best-ball match. Shute, only a few

driven, but possesses a beautiful short game. He is very cool when in a tight spot, sinking putts when they mean the ball game. Stark pounds the ball for long distance with his tremendous strength acquired while playing tackle for the University of Florida, and can be counted upon to do his share on the long par five holes.

The tournament this year will have two defending champions, the 1940 professional champ, Horton Smith, and the 1939 championship team of Denny Shute and Bill Stark, who will be together for the first time since their victory two years ago.

Others who have enrolled for the competition, carrying a purse of \$3,000, are Sam Snead, Paul Runyan, former P. G. A. titleholder, Long Hitting Jimmy Thomson, Craig Wood, Johnny Farrell, Vic Ghezzi and Harry Cooper.

9 DIE AT BRIDAL PARTY

Bride, bridegroom and about forty guests were celebrating in the smoke-room of a West Midlands public-house when an A.A. shell killed nine of them, and seriously injured fifteen more. The party was nearing its end and guests were singing to an accordion played by one of them.

Suddenly the shell came through the roof, crashed through the floor, into the cellar, beneath and exploded, the force of it blowing the guests in all directions.

A first-aid party of the local A.R.P. were soon at work.

It was found that six had been killed outright. Three, two of whom were not identified, died in hospital.

The seriously injured include the bride, twenty-one-year-old Florence Lily Pottinger, and the bridegroom, James Sidney Jones, aged twenty-six, a moulder, both of whom are in hospital with severe wounds to the legs.

They were both making good progress last night.

The dead so far identified were Richard Pottinger, uncle of the bride, David Pottinger, her thirteen-year-old brother, Mrs. Jack Jones, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, Horace Jones, his uncle, and John Danks, Fred Whiting and Mrs. Haslam, relatives and friends of the couple.

Blown Over Table

The bride's father, Mr. William Pottinger, who was mending the lock on the door, which he wrenched off in his hurry to reach his injured wife, told a reporter:—

"I was lucky because when the shell came through the roof I was not in the room. I heard it hit the top of the inn with a terrific thud and then explode.

"I dashed to the room to find it filled with smoke and the smell of cordite."

All his family had been in the room. He has lost his fifteen-year-old son, two brothers-in-law and a brother. His daughter, his mother and wife, who had only one leg, were injured.

Mr. Jack Jones, who lost his wife and brother, said that in the explosion the lights failed and added to the difficulty of finding the dead and wounded.

He had a remarkable escape. He was sitting on a stool, with his back to the blast, and was blown over the table and fell among other members of the party.

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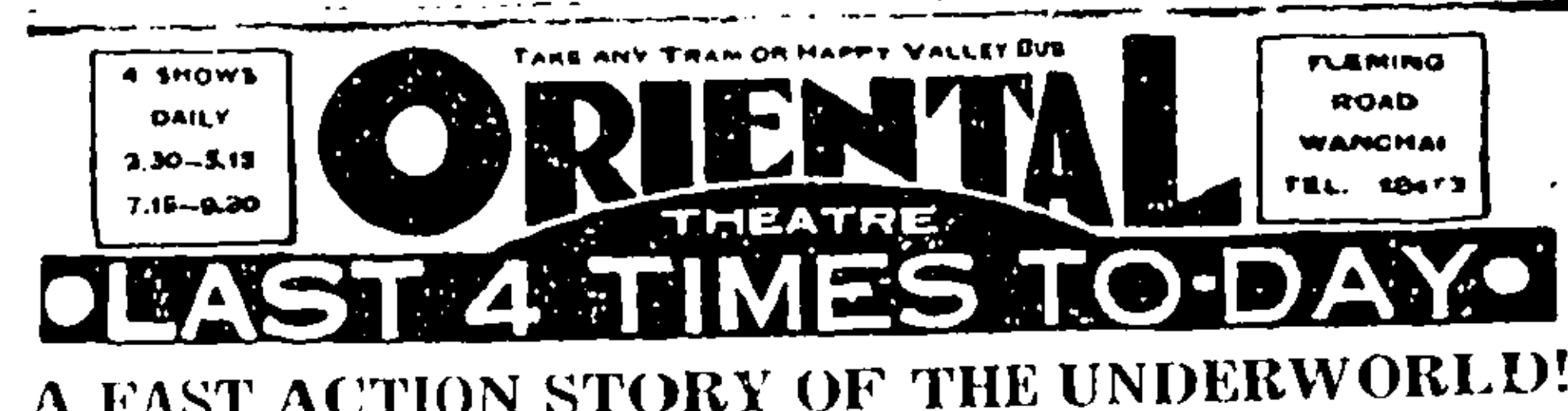
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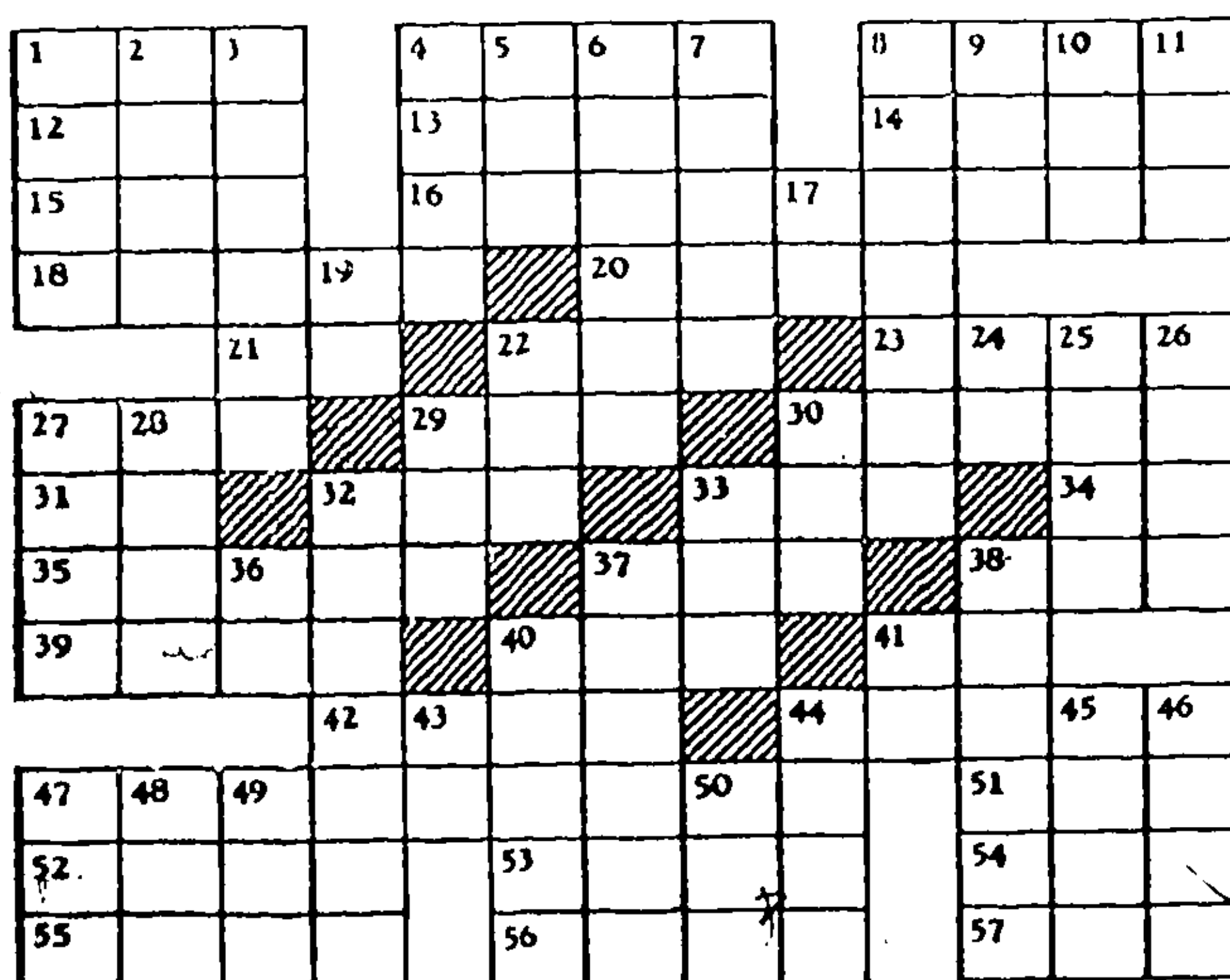
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- 4 Summit
- 8 Weapon
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- 13 Hindu carpet
- 14 This place
- 15 Swine
- 16 Agreeable
- 18 Slope
- 20 To begin
- 21 Artificial language
- 22 Period of time
- 23 Ancient European country
- 27 Manner
- 29 Intel
- 30 Apart
- 31 Symbol for gold
- 32 Obese
- 33 Cost
- 34 Babylonian deity
- 35 To commence
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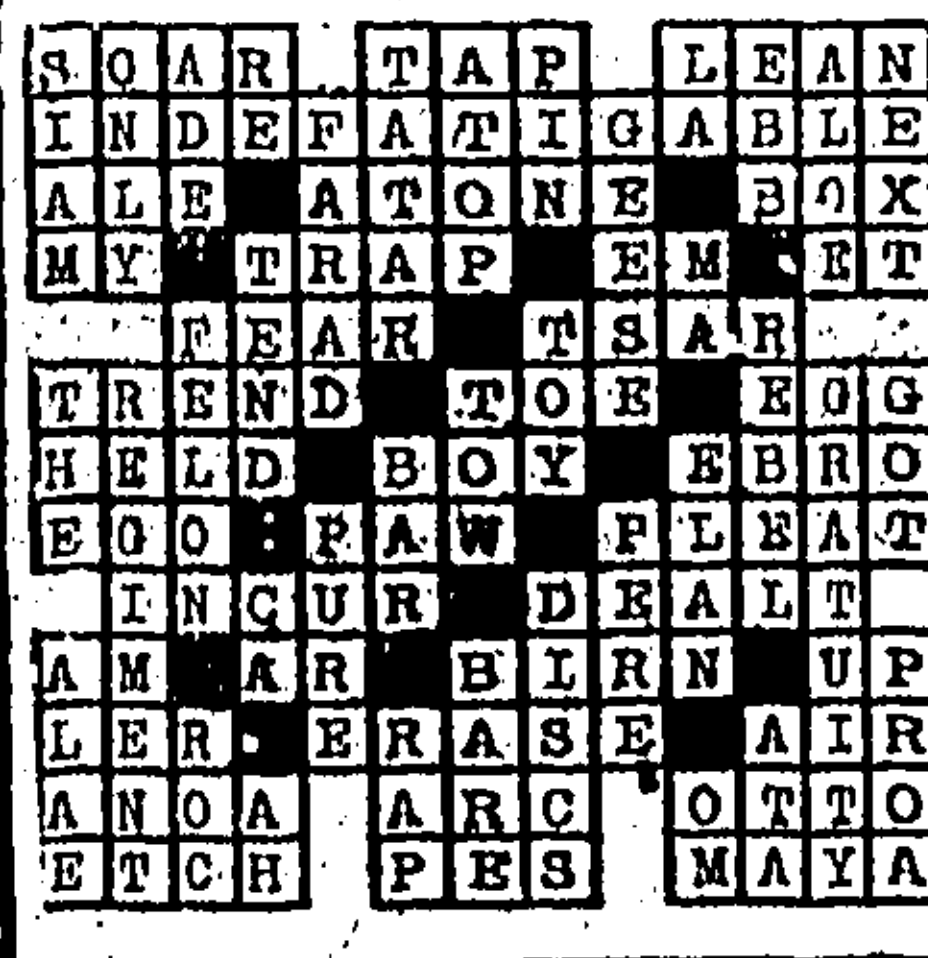
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- 1 Drinks
- 2 Bad
- 3 Caprice
- 4 Treaty
- 5 The self
- 6 Storehouse for weapons
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Oriental

9 Meadow

- 10 Vase
- 11 Wager
- 17 French article
- 19 Negative
- 22 To consume
- 24 Chinese measure
- 25 Mental image
- 26 Chair
- 27 Stinging insect
- 28 Motor vehicle
- 29 Flying mammal
- 30 Roman bronze
- 32 Turns into ice
- 33 Suitable
- 34 White
- 37 Upright
- 38 To proclaim the gospel
- 40 Taunts
- 41 Exclamation of approval
- 43 Sun god
- 44 Gangster
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AS AN INDICATION of Germany's difficulty in subjugating a democracy even after the Nazi forces have defeated it on the field of battle, a report of the first year of Norway's existence under Hitler is made public in a sixty-four page pamphlet sponsored by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, who was United States Minister to Norway when Germany attacked on April 9, 1940.

The author of the pamphlet is anonymous for the reason that he is still working against Germany inside Norway.

HUMBLE MAN ---£18,000

All his "somewhat humble" life he saved. At times he was able to put away considerable sums. When he died last July he was worth £18,000.

He left nearly all his money to his third wife and gave each of his four children a legacy of £100. A daughter, a thirty-year-old, £5 a week school teacher thought he had failed to make "reasonable provision for her maintenance."

She applied to Mr. Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division, London.

He directed the executor to invest £2,000 and pay the income to her as long as she remained unmarried.

The woman was Miss Marjorie Clara Hackwood Worrall, of Belvidere Road, Princes Park, Liverpool.

Mr. Justice Farwell said Miss Worrall had a good education, partly due to her own efforts and partly to the help she got from her father, Harry Hackwood Worrall, and her step-mother.

Her means of maintaining herself in future were dependent on her own exertions, and there was nothing to suggest that she had forfeited any moral right to expect that reasonable provision would be made for her.

The report is vouched for by Mrs. Harriman, however, in a letter which she says "it gives us a glimpse of the flame of revolt in the hearts of the brave and open acts of rebellion against the foreign tyrant, and the heroic sabotage which is practiced by all types and classes of Norwegians according to their various abilities."

In consequence, the report declares, Germany is forced to maintain an army of 250,000 soldiers in Norway, a ratio of one soldier to every ten Norwegians, and in addition the Nazi Gestapo in Norway has been augmented to 10,000, a ratio of one of these secret police to every 250 of population.

Police Stripped Of Power

Recording facts that the Nazi censors in Norway have kept from general attention outside, the report says the Norwegian police have been stripped of all power except traffic regulation, and the Nazi Youth Troopers and Norwegian Nazis or Quislingists have received all other police power.

By proclamation early in January, "the Norwegian Fascists have free licence to attack all those who disagree with them politically except women and children; Norwegian police are not allowed to interfere against the Nazis; if they wish to defend persons attacked by the Nazis they do so under threats of the most severe punishment," it is reported.

The report, entitled "Norway Does Not Yield," is published by the American Friends of German Freedom, 342 Madison Avenue, of which the chairman is Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary. Other sponsors are Louis Adamic, Christian Gauss, Quincy Howe, Paul Kellogg, Frank Kingdon, Max Lerner, Thomas Mann, William Allen Neilson and Vincent Sheean.

The report offers in detail the spectacle that it describes as "the inner strength of democracy . . . fighting on without weapons." It recounts the Norwegian reaction to the Nazi efforts at conciliation after the military defeat of Norway, including an "invasion etiquette" for the Nazi army of occupation, such as "give few orders, avoid a show of temper, avoid political discussions."

Quisling Put In Power

When, after five months of occupation and three months of negotiation, the Norwegians refused to depose their King and legalise a puppet government that would then proceed to the Nazification of Norway they were declared a German protectorate against their will last September and ordered to submit to Vidkun Quisling as Norwegian Fuehrer.

Since then the resistance, both passive and aggressive, has grown, according to the report. When Quisling attempted a lecture tour Norwegians met him in city after city with placards calling him a traitor; they refused to enter his lecture hall and beat his attendant Norwegian Nazi troopers, it is declared.

In schools, the report adds, teachers refused to teach the Nazi doctrine and pupils booed the few teachers who did attempt it. The church refused to be silenced, the pamphlet asserts, and continued in defiance of Quisling's orders to pray publicly for King Haakon, who runs the great Norwegian merchant fleet from

KEEP ARMY SECRETS FROM HOTEL REGISTERS

The Army Council have issued instructions on the manner in which Army officers visiting hotels must sign the visitors' books.

Only the minimum information necessary can be given, without disclosing the officer's precise unit or its whereabouts.

Hitherto, many officers have given details of the place where they are normally stationed.

FREUD'S GIRL CARRIES ON

Professor Sigmund Freud, the famous Vienna Psychologist who was persecuted by the Nazis, is now fighting them from his grave!

Despite the world pre-eminence which he enjoyed in his branch of science, the fact that he was a Jew and that he refused to acknowledge the almightiness of the Nazis marked him out as a special victim of their cruelty. He died in London a year or so ago, earlier than would have been the case but for the suffering he endured at their hands.

But now his daughter, to whom he handed on much of the knowledge that he gained in his Vienna laboratory and consulting-room, has set up a clinic in London where she is employing that knowledge in order to cure British mothers and babies who have been bomb-shocked by Nazi raiders.

Although the Huns helped to kill him, his carefully collected and indexed knowledge is now helping to frustrate the policy of frightfulness that they have let loose on Britain.

Anna Freud, who assisted her father in much of his work in Vienna in the later years of his life, and who is recognised in scientific circles as the direct successor to him in his line of research, is supervising this clinic at Hampstead which has been set up by the London County Council.

London mothers and babies, victims of bomb shock, are its patients. It has a doctor in attendance night and day, and a staff of trained nurses.

Treatment is free, and the mothers and babies are kept at the clinic till they are cured. All of them are under the direct supervision of Miss Freud.

London for the benefit of the Allies.

The local Norwegian press wrote around and through censorship regulations, it adds, and during storms the railroad and the power lines used by the Nazi forces were cut.

In consequence a concentration camp established at the former Ulven military training camp, outside Bergen, has already become notorious, according to the pamphlet. The Nazis have also taken over a large brewery in Oslo and converted it into a concentration camp modeled after Dachau, in Germany. In January, the report declares, this camp also was filled to capacity with "unsatisfactory Norwegians."

SPIES TAP NAZI CODE

Britain's radio spies are at work every night. During the day they work in factories, shops and offices. Colleagues wonder why they never go to cinemas or dances.

But questions are parried with a smile—and silence. Their job isn't one to be talked about.

Home from work, a quick meal, and the hush-hush men unlock the door of a room usually at the top of the house. There, until the small hours, they sit, head-phones on ears, taking down the Morse code messages which fill the air.

To the layman these would be just a meaningless jumble of letters.

But in the hands of code experts they might produce a message of vital importance to our Intelligence Service.

No pay is given to the men who tap the air for these messages.

Their Reward

They are drawn from the radio enthusiasts who operated their own short-wave transmitters before the war.

"We are glad to serve the country in this way," one of them said.

"Naturally we have no idea of the codes used by German agents."

"But it is a great thrill to feel you might be getting down a message which, decoded, might be of supreme importance."

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HITLER'S LAST THROW

Hitler is making a determined attempt to regain the initiative in this war. He held it until last autumn but lost it when his air attacks failed to clear the way for his invasion of Britain. He tried to regain it by using Laval to hand over to him the French fleet and French bases in North Africa. This attempt also failed when Marshal Petain dismissed Laval and refused to go beyond the terms of the Franco-German armistice.

It is significant, therefore, that his operations in the Balkans should be accompanied by increasing pressure upon France and Spain to cooperate more actively with the Axis. For it means that his present preoccupations in the South-East of Europe do not mean, inevitably, plans for further aggression in an easterly direction. They may very well mean that the Fuehrer has not lost sight of the main sphere of strategy, the only sphere in which final and decisive victory can be achieved.

As yet the question remains unanswered whether the Balkan campaign and the drive in Cyrenaica, now effectively halted, have been undertaken by Hitler merely as a diversion, undertaken for reasons of prestige, or whether the move, with its potential threat to the Near East, through Turkey, and Suez, through Egypt, is intended to pin down British sea and air forces in Africa while he attempts to strike a decisive blow at Britain.

The answer to this question may depend upon the degree in which Hitler fears the increasing help given by the United States to the British cause, and his estimate of the time likely to elapse before that aid can be put to forceful practical use.

He cannot wait indefinitely; and he knows as well as President Roosevelt, who justly chides those who swing from the pinnacles of hope to the depths of despair on the basis of day to day developments, that his time is running short. He knows, as Mr. Churchill knows, that he is engaged to-day on the preliminary phases of a gigantic effort



DOING THE DIRTY WORK

Historical Background To The Crisis

The ancient world was created and moulded within the limits of the Mediterranean Sea, which was at the same time the cradle of our civilisation.

Mussolini scheming in Rome and striking against Greece and Egypt no doubt had in mind the seizure of Greece by ancient Rome in the second century B.C., and of Egypt in the time of Augustus. The phenomena reappear although the circumstances change.

The subjugation of Greece is an antiquated idea, for in the present-day world the principle of the freedom of nations and States is a leading concept, and the Mediterranean Power with its foot in North Africa is not Italy, who today is losing all that she had acquired over several decades, but Great Britain, who for centuries has been foremost in building up a modern world Empire.

In the mediaeval world the creation of the State of Charlemagne, which stretched from the Atlantic to the Slavonic settlements, was an event of great import.

Adolf Hitler's National Socialism has diligently fastened on to the memories of the Carolingian State, which it arbitrarily calls Germanic, and present-day Germany revives these memories in justification of her claim to rule all Europe, from France to Poland.

In the time of Charlemagne was born the idea of the so-called

to win this war in six months—or accept defeat. It is our hope that, whatever reverses come our way, and we must expect them, we can withstand successfully whatever he may do. And then, by swinging the initiative, to impose our will upon him as we imposed it upon Mussolini in Africa.

Holy Roman Empire under German leadership, which for three hundred years—from Otto the Great in the middle of the 10th century to Frederick II in the middle of the 13th century—succeeded in imposing itself on Europe. With it went two strong German claims, namely Germany's leadership in Europe and her right to rule in Italy. The National Socialism of Adolf Hitler has taken up both these claims.

Peculiar Legend

The insistence upon German leadership in Europe and in the world generally was incorporated in the bases of National Socialism.

By

Stanislaw Stronski,
Polish Minister of Information

To this end the peculiar legend of the leading Nordic race and the nation of rulers has been worked up. This idea of the "Herrenvolk," ordained to govern other nations, is applied by Germany to-day in the countries occupied by her invading hordes with incredible arrogance, compared with which the pride of the Holy Roman Emperors seems moderate.

In the Middle Ages German leadership in Europe based itself on ruling in Italy and in Rome. There was in this, besides a superficial attachment to the Classic Age, also an understandable tendency to regard the Mediterranean as the key to the basis of world dominion. So Otto I delighted in residence under Italian skies and Frederick II chose Sicily as his permanent place of residence.

This recurring feature in German history is now being repeated once more in Adolf Hitler's struggle for German leadership and German rule in Europe, even more clearly and effectively than in the time of the mediaeval Holy Roman Empire. The German Reich is now laying hands on Italy. She is doing so in a very friendly way. But Otto also entered Italy as a friend and defender. However, to-day it is all happening at a much faster tempo, for in any case some 250 years passed from

Otto's solemn and occasional visits to Italy to Frederick II's permanent residence in Sicily, whereas the Germans are already in Italy, and you know well what it means when Germany begins to expand.

Gazed Too Long

Mussolini has gazed too long at the Classical period of Roman history and has forgotten the lessons of the mediaeval age. The ancient Roman Empire was the work of the free Roman Nation from century to century, just as the present-day British Empire is the work, from century to century, of the free British Nation. Empires are not created in the course of activities by either Black or Brown shirts, nor by slavery and pillage, which are the distinguishing features of the two dictators' efforts to create Empires, but are created rather by the spiritual force of a free nation, bearing in itself the greatest elasticity of civilisation at the time. So Mussolini has not, after all, resurrected the ancient Roman Empire, but has lived to see the mediaeval rule of Germany in Italy.

Napoleon's Lesson

A modern phenomenon of which one is reminded to-day is Napoleon's conquest of Europe from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean and from the Atlantic to the bounds of Russia. In those days of universal autocracy oppressing all nations, Napoleon brought with him an undoubted breath of liberation. None the less, the idea of the autocratic rule of one nation over all others was alien and intolerable to millions of people.

But it must be remembered that, unlike Napoleon, Hitler brings with him only fetters and famine.

If this edifice of slavery begins to crack, the entire system of slavery will collapse. Another great lesson of the Napoleonic era is that in those days Great Britain, entirely alone, outlasted the autocratic rule of Europe, and lived to see her cause victorious.

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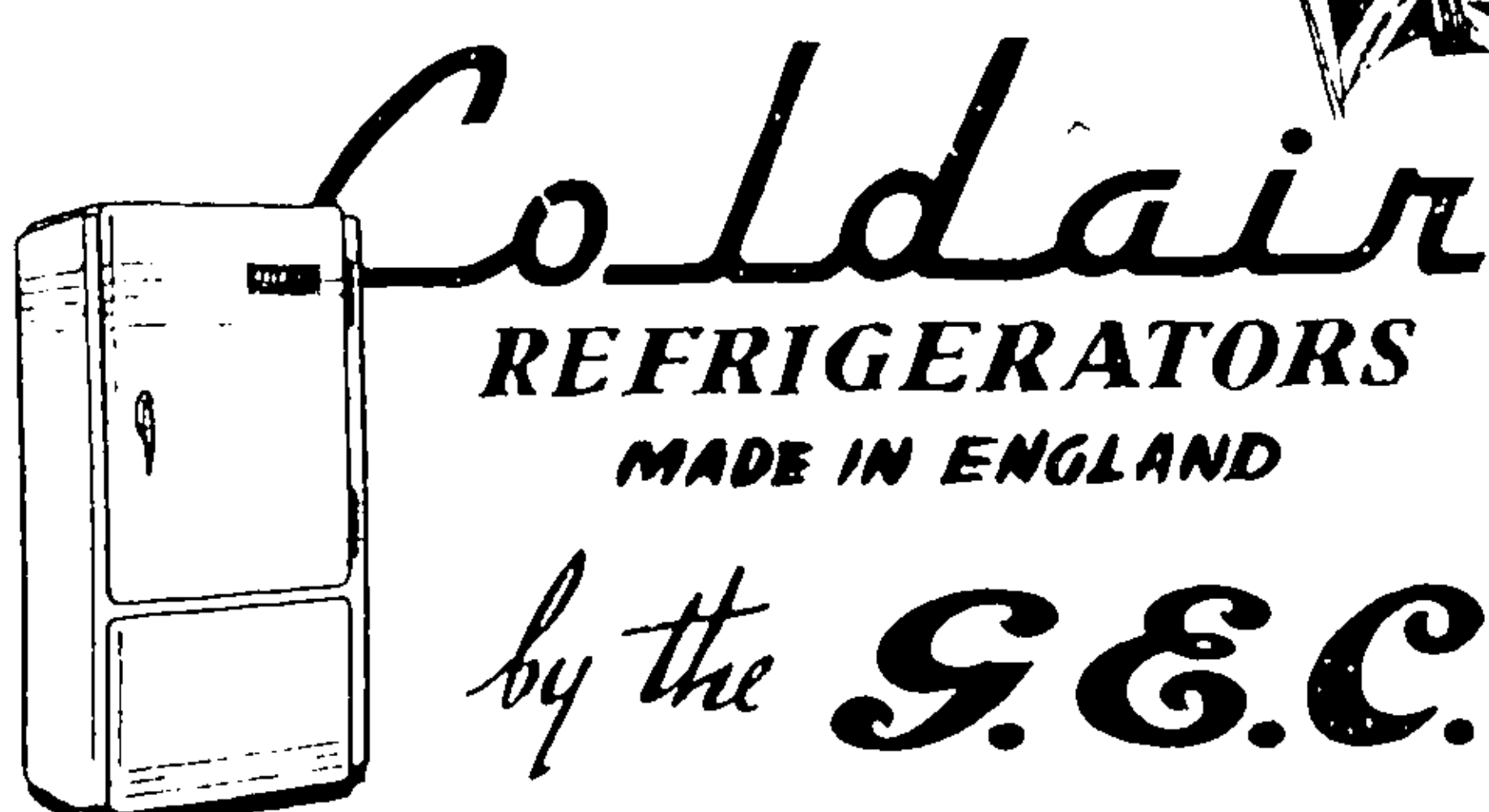
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IN THE ATLANTIC ABOARD AN OLD U.S. DESTROYER

(At Sea With the British Navy, April 3.)

WE WERE IN ACTION for the first time to-day against a visible enemy.

A Focke-Wulf aeroplane traipsed about the convoy about mid-day having a "look-see." Then, just when it seemed as if the pilot had finished his reconnaissance job and was off home to report, he swung suddenly toward the mass of shipping and came flying straight at us.

I was on the bridge of the Wickes, beside the commander and his watchkeepers. All were wearing tin hats and oilskins. Men not serving the anti-aircraft guns or in key positions had been advised to take cover.

"Close up the guns," ordered the commander, through the speaking tube. Men came tumbling on deck from below to take post. Always during escort duties, the guns are manned with a skeleton crew. At the command "Close up" the specialists, gun layers, range finders and the gunnery officers take post.

Anti-Aircraft Fire

The timing was perfect. As the aircraft came into our sights, the sky blackened with puffs of "Archie." The Nazi bomber dived lower to get a better view of his target, flying directly toward our stern. Our rear gun engaged him as he came at us.

His silhouette had grown from the size of a bat to that of a great vulture, spreading black, obscene wings across our vision. It was the moment when some gunners would have ceased fire, as if hypnotised, and dived for cover. Not so, ours. As he came closer, they took deliberate aim. We saw the red trail of tracer race at him and she's burst angrily about him.

He wobbled in his course, dived lower and turned obliquely away from us. Straight as an arrow he sped toward the middle of the convoy, firing his machine-guns filled with incendiary bullets toward their naked decks.

Then happened one of those acts of providence that come between man and death. A sudden squall filled the air with hail. It battered into our eyes so that we scarcely could see; it drove across the convoy so that it was wrapped in haze. It must have baffled the Focke also, for we saw his plane wobble, steady itself to avoid hitting the masts of a freighter, and bombs fell harmlessly into the sea. One—two—three—four—the stern gunners counted the explosions. "Sounded like depth charges."

One Was Bagged

The Focke rose again unsteadily. He may have been hit somewhere in the attack for he made no effort to return. Instead, when he had risen to 2,000 feet beyond the ships, he turned and circled them again at a distance while he gained height. Then, when well to the port of us, he turned into the sun and headed for home in the South of France. We were left unmolested for the rest of the day.

Such attacks are being made with increasing frequency on British convoys. Since Hitler has occupied Europe from the Flords to the Pyrenees, his bombers have been brought closer to the Atlantic. Cooperating with submarines, they go to make up for the lack of surface ships to meet the constant vigil of the British Navy. Without crossing British soil, they can fly north of Scotland or South of Ireland into the Atlantic and there attack shipping as it approaches the British Isles.

Such raiders have a lot of luck. But not all of them escape so luckily as did the one that attacked us to-day. Every one was cheered this evening when it was announced over the air that another British destroyer, H.M.S. Holderness, had shot down a Junkers 88.

The one-time U.S.S. Wickes is hoping that very soon she may be able to report the same.

To-day's fighting brought us one casualty. He was the man who fired the gun that nearly

brought down the Nazi. A wave dashed over the ship as he was firing again. He was swept against the breech and the recoil hit him full in the spleen. He died soon afterward. I am writing this dispatch on the ward room table where he was carried to receive first aid.

Our casualty was a seaman gunlayer who had been through the hell of Dunkirk. Sent with a naval demolition party to Holland in May, 1940, he was serving his gun one day when his ship was attacked by fourteen Junkers dive-bombers which dropped bombs all around her and swept her decks with machine-gun bullets and cannon shells. He saw six of his comrades blasted to death in the action and the quarter deck, bridge and flag decks strewn with wounded. Aboard the Wickes he had promised himself to avenge their deaths. A grim fate gave him his chance and snatched him away when he missed his target. We buried him at sea with naval honours. Not all the shots that watchers on land sometimes hear at sea are caused by sea fights. A volley was fired at this naval funeral.

In A Mine-Field

Before the bomber's attack we had been firing at floating mines that had broken from their moorings and were bobbing about in the sea like so many corks.

When you shoot you cannot get too near lest they go off and blow a hole in your side. And at a range of 700 to 1,000 yards they are extremely difficult targets. To that I can testify, having had a shot at one myself with a service rifle. But the naval gunners manage to sink them or blow them up. While the convoy altered its course to avoid them, the gunnery officer, a Canadian from Windsor, Ont., exercised his art upon them with range finder and tracer bullet. And it was soon obvious that a mine does not explode just because a bullet hits it. Unless your bullet hits it in a tender spot, you will have the mortification of seeing a ricochet. The tough casing of the mine sends the bullet soaring skyward with a weird whine like the screech of a seagull.

"Mine ahead on the starboard bow," sang out the lookout.

"Another one to port," shouted the port watch.

We had barely rid ourselves of the first batch when we were into the second.

It was then about three bells in the First Dog. The officer of the watch checked the observations. His mouth to the speaking tube, he reported to the commanding officer who had retired to the ward room for his tea. On deck again in a moment, the commander ordered the signalman to run up the flags denoting the proximity of the minefield. Action stations were piped. Our signal was picked up by the commodore of the convoy and repeated. Passed from ship to ship, we saw the line of vessels execute an emergency turn. The Wickes faced the minefield alone.

Normally, the job of dealing with mines is done by mine-sweepers. But though it has been estimated that those operating on British coasts and harbours have already swept lanes equal in length to several times round the earth, there is always a possibility that one or two may escape their vigilance.

But the destroyers escorting the convoys are prepared for anything. With the unceasing watchfulness that characterises the British Navy, they deal with them in quick time. The Wickes got rid of these to-day as quickly as she got rid of the Focke-Wulf.

HOW HITLER GOT INFORMATION

The German embassy in Athens was permitted to remain open right up to the sudden Nazi declaration of war with Greece, thus furnishing the German High Command with the exact number of British troops and supplies landed there, John MacVane, the National Broadcasting Company's representative in London, reported in a broadcast.

Mr. MacVane said that not only was Hitler supplied with detailed information concerning British contributions to the Greek Army but also he was given the exact location of English troop placements.

CHILDREN IN SEA ESCAPE

Over 1,000 men, women and children were aboard the Cunard-White Star liner Georgic which was saved from destruction in the Atlantic by an R.A.F. flying-boat which sank a U-boat.

The story of the escape of the liner which carried a cargo of gold in addition to 587 passengers from England and a crew of 449, was told by passengers on their arrival in New York.

Thomas Harris said: "I was in a dining saloon when one du'l thud was followed by another. We rushed on deck just in time to see a British plane rolling as a sign of victory."

Submarine Followed

"A submarine following us was apparently spotted by an aircraft. A destroyer escorting our convoy also dropped depth charges."

The 27,750-ton liner caused a sensation when she steamed into New York, as nothing had been heard about her for many months.

Many believed she had been destroyed in the Narvik battle.

Members of the crew disclosed that since the Georgic was last in New York she had made two trips to Iceland to help to protect the island when a Nazi invasion was expected.

Twice she hit mines, but escaped undamaged. Many times she fought off air attacks.

Then she was sent to Cape-town and later to the Mediterranean.

KILLED FOR BRUSH UP

Jack Meanes, aged forty, of Miami Beach, Florida, has been murdered for committing the unpardonable act of using another's toothbrush.

The killer was Meanes's one-time friend, Stanley Sykes, aged thirty-five.

Breaking down and confessing to murder, Sykes told detectives:—

"Jack had been borrowing my toothbrush for over a year. I couldn't stand it any longer. He also used my razor and comb."

The two men were fellow-lodgers. Detectives say they never had a quarrel until, Sykes, unnerved by Meanes's continuous borrowing of toilet articles flew into an ungovernable passion.

Coast Guard Vessels To Fight Submarines

THE WHITE HOUSE revealed a fortnight ago steps to transfer ten Coast Guard cutters to the British Navy for use in the Atlantic.

The sturdy cutters, of about the same tonnage as destroyers but not as heavily armed or as fast, are expected to be of considerable value to Britain in combating Nazi submarine activities.

The transfer of the vessels is expected in Washington to be only one of a series of moves designed to protect American armaments and foodstuffs shipped to Britain.

The possible use of American naval vessels in escorting convoys was believed to have been forecast in a speech by Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, while the visit to England of James V. Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy, is widely believed to be connected with this problem of protecting cargoes en route through dangerous waters.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, said that the actual transfer of the cutters would be effected in a manner similar to that by which fifty American destroyers were delivered to Britain following the ship-base arrangement of last August. The destroyers were taken to Canadian ports by American seamen and there manned by British crews.

Although the Coast Guard has eight-six seagoing cutters, only ten meet Mr. Early's description. These are the 250-foot vessels of the "Lake" class, exceeded in size and seaworthiness only by seven larger cutters built since 1922. The ten vessels of the "Lake" class are the Cayuga, Haca, Sebago, Saranac, Shoshone, Chelan, Champlain, Mendota, Pontchartrain and Tahoe.

"Lake" Class

Although Mr. Early said that the armament of the cutters transferred to Britain was negligible and that he doubted that any additional armament would be provided, Navy Department records showed that vessels of the Lake class carry formidable armament in their normal complement. The Cayuga, for instance, carries two 5-inch guns and two 6-pounders in her normal complement, and other vessels in this class would be similarly equipped.

The craft could easily be equipped by the British with depth-charge racks, it was said. They have a speed of about sixteen knots and thus are faster than Nazi submarines.

The vessels were said by officials to-day to be widely scattered, and this probably will force their delivery in groups. Government circles made it clear that they would be turned over to the British as rapidly as possible.

One In The Pacific

At least one of the cutters was reported to be in the Pacific; the Chelan was officially stated a few days ago to be preparing to go out on annual ice patrol in the North Atlantic, and the Shoshone, which had been in the Pacific, put into an East Coast port recently for overhauling.

Coast Guard vessels are controlled by the Treasury Department in time of peace but automatically become part of the Navy in time of war. For this reason, they are built along naval lines, making the installation of additional armament.

In addition to the large ships, known as cutters, the Coast Guard has numerous "patrol" and special service vessels.

Some days ago it was reported that American mosquito boats also were to be transferred, and, without confirmation, it since has been reported that the transfer actually has taken place. The U. S. government has been following a policy of not releasing such information until safe delivery is made on the other side of the Atlantic. While London reports, which passed the British censorship, made possible formal announcement of the White House of the intention to transfer the cutters, the British Government has not as yet mentioned motor torpedo boats.

President Roosevelt is authorized by the Lease-Lend law to transfer up to \$1,300,000,000 worth of existing American war supplies to nations fighting Germany and her Axis Allies. He said last week that transfer of \$500,000,000 worth of such materials had been authorized.

16-Knot Speed

Most of the ten Coast Guard cutters, which the White House revealed would go to England are of the 250-foot Itasca class. They are ships of 1,975 displacement tons and are designed for speeds of sixteen knots.

The cutters of the Itasca class are powered by turbo-electric engines and have a cruising radius of 8,000 miles. There are two 5-inch guns and two 6-pounders on each of the Itasca cutters, with the exception of the Pontchartrain, which has only two 6-pounders.

The ships of the Itasca class and the Coast Guard stations from where they normally operate are the Cayuga at Boston, Mass.; the Haca at San Diego, Calif.; the Sebago at Norfolk, Va.; the Saranac at Galveston, Texas; the Shoshone at Oakland, Calif.; the Chelan at Boston, Mass.; the Champlain at Stapleton, N. Y.; the Mendota at Norfolk, Va.; the Pontchartrain at Stapleton, N. Y.; and the Tahoe at New Bedford, Mass.

GO RIGHT ON TO BERLIN—M.P.

"I hope that this time we shall go right on to Berlin," said the Allied armies, would be seen in the principal towns of Germany so that the Germans will not be able to say they were not really defeated in the war," said Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lab., Wolverhampton, E.), in the Commons.

He hoped any peace terms ultimately signed would be signed by all elements in Germany, to prevent any section saying they had no responsibility.

There should be no negotiations with the present gangsters and huns in power in Italy and Germany, it would only mean a fresh war later, but there would be opportunities in any negotiations for a form of internal self government for the German and Italian peoples.

CUNNINGHAM NOT CONCERNED ABOUT INDOOR TRACK SEASON

GLENN CUNNINGHAM has dropped from the spotlight of the athletic world but the former miler is still a great example to amateur athletes of all kinds. Cunningham made of athletics just what the proponents of amateur sports claim it should be—a hobby that still leaves the athlete time to prepare himself to do a definite job in society.

At the time Cunningham bowed out of track competition at the Kansas relays last April he announced he was to become director of student activities at Cornell College, a small Iowa school. By accepting that job Glenn wasn't admitting that at last he was too old for track. It meant that he was ready to begin on the job for which he had been preparing during his undergraduate days at Kansas and his graduate work at the University of Iowa and New York University, and that he had found exactly the kind of job he was looking for.

"The days when college athletes go to school for athletics alone, and think they can live on athletics all their lives, are fast disappearing. You've got to get more out of school than athletics."

That's what Cunningham says and it was that attitude that kept him working until he got his Doctor of Philosophy degree at New York University in 1938.

Right now the most important thing in the world to Glenn—besides his wife and two small daughters—is his job. And as far as track is concerned to him it is almost a matter of trying to live down his cinder record. He puts off questions about the sport by saying that his work keeps him too interested and busy to have much time for concern, because the season is starting for the first time in many years without him.

At Cornell students know Glenn as Dr. Cunningham to whose clinic they go for attention, or who is possibly the instructor of their biology class.

STORY OF A STOLEN COLLIE

The Hong Kong Society of the SPCA has recently been instrumental in finding in Hong Kong and returning to Shanghai a valuable Scotch collie named "Rex" which the Shanghai Society had reported as having been stolen in Shanghai and taken to Hong Kong.

The Secretary of the Shanghai Society in a letter received two days ago, writes as follows regarding the reception of the collie in Shanghai.

"On Easter Sunday the owner of 'Rex,' Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, wife of Cav. Uff. Raffaele Ferrajolo, of the Italian Embassy, our Inspector and myself met the ship and took delivery of 'Rex.' When the ship was coming alongside her berth at the Roosevelt Terminal we heard a loud bark. Before we saw the dog, who was being led by a foreign lady passenger on the boat deck, Mrs. Ferrajolo said: 'That is Rex's bark.' He recognised his mistress before she saw him. When the ship was moored, we went on board and the affection shown for each other by mistress and dog compensated for all the trouble in bringing them together again."

BOMBER CRASH KILLS 3

An R.A.F. bomber returning from a raid on Germany crashed on a row of houses at Cambridge and three women living in adjoining houses were killed.

They were Miss Catherine Allen, aged seventy-one, Mrs. Ann Warland, seventy, and Mrs. Ada Sarah Blackwell, seventy-five.

Mr. Mary Hewitt, aged eighty-two, living with Mrs. Blackwell, was taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Hit House-Tops

The plane, whose crew was uninjured, caught the tops of the cottages, demolishing the upper storeys, and came to rest on a tennis court at the back.

The petrol tank was hurled into the bedroom of a coal merchant and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ison. They were unhurt.

They got out of bed they had to push the tank aside. The front wall between the roof and the floor collapsed into the room and the window frame leaned over the bed, which was covered with glass.

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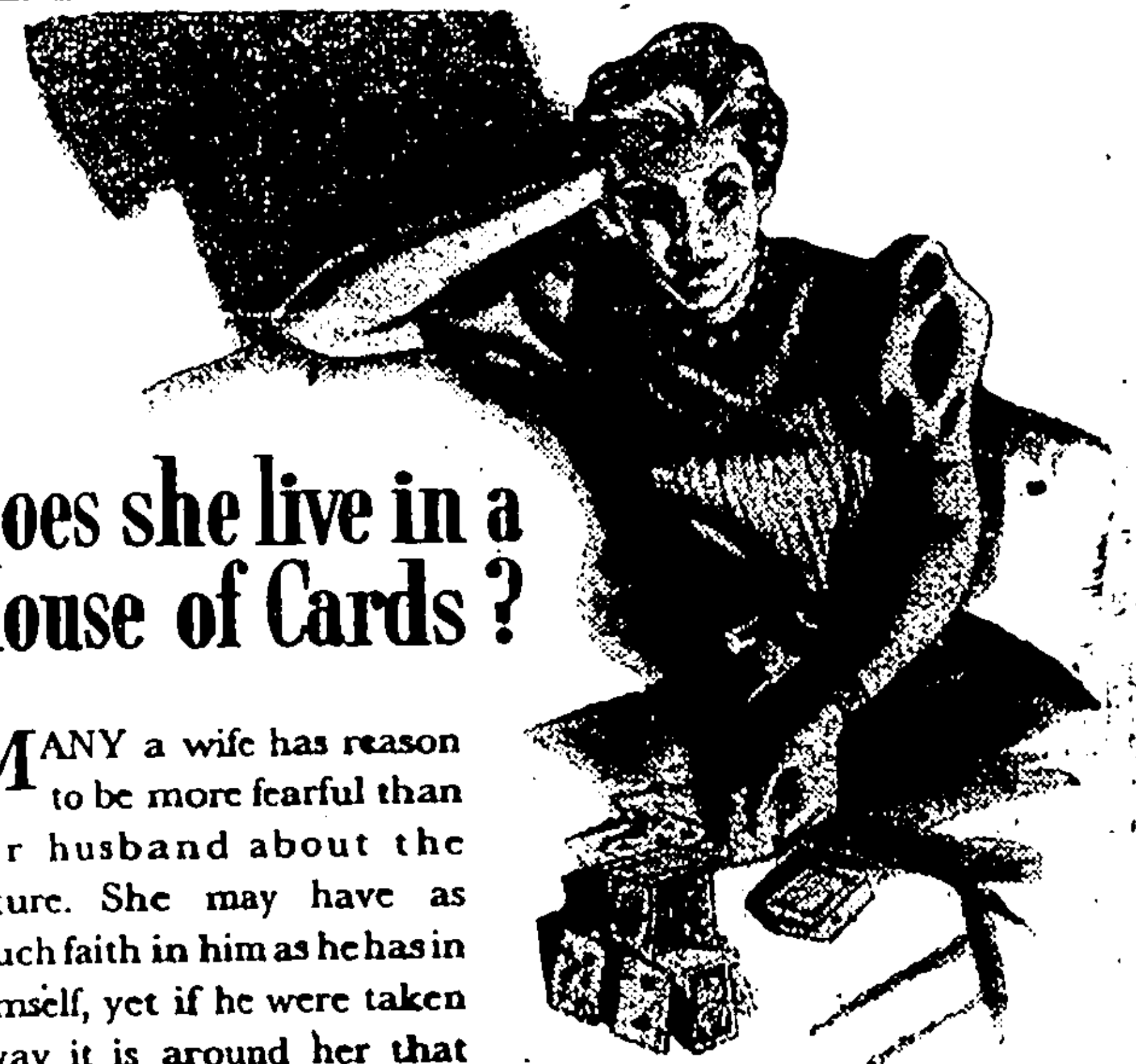
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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941



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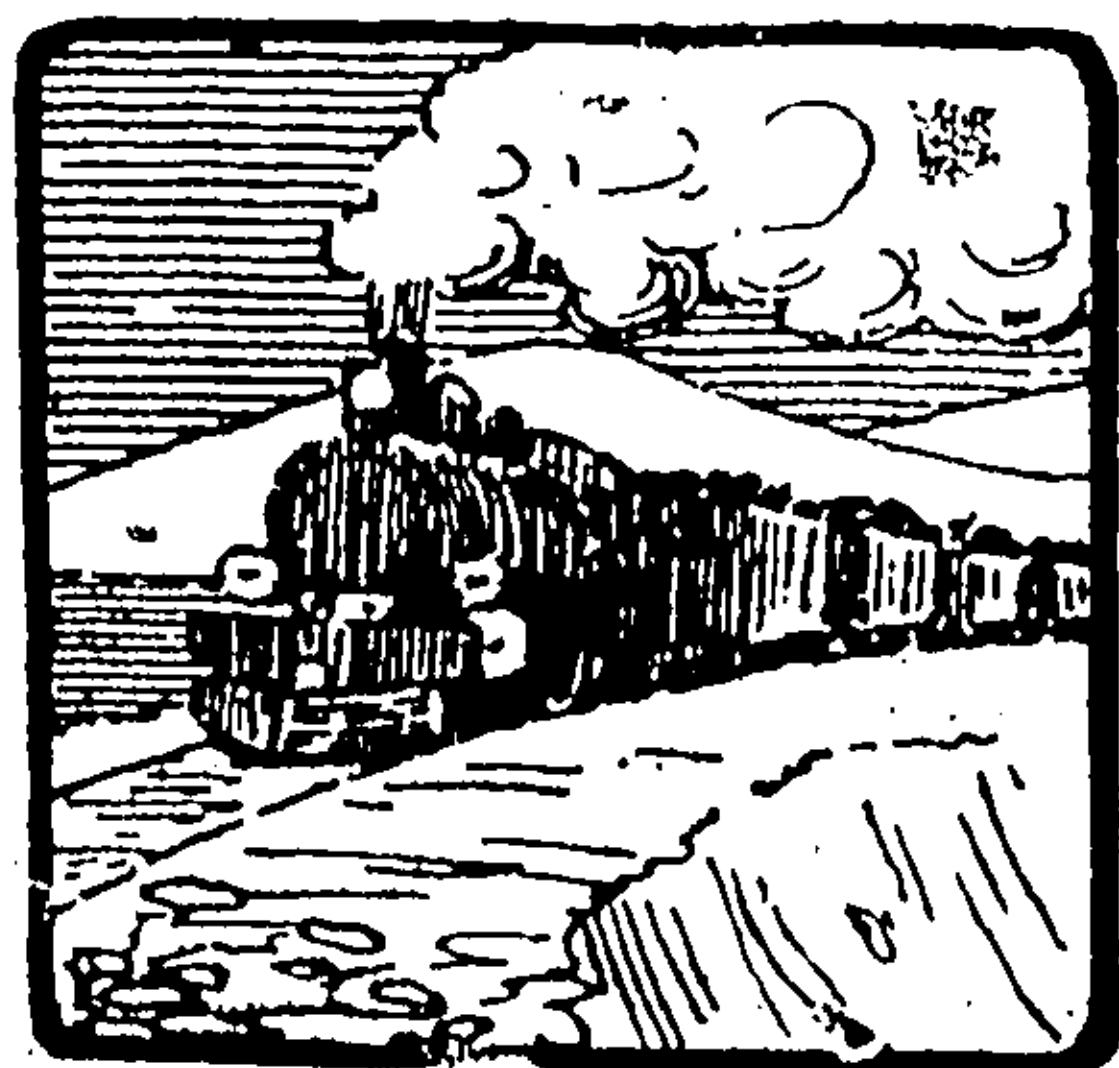
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE COURAGE OF ONE'S CONVICTIONS

By The Four Aces

It's all very well to understand what's going on when you play bridge, but there are also times when it's necessary to stand by your opinions even at considerable risk. For example:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 40 part-score

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
♥ Q 4
♦ A K
♣ K 7 6 3

♠ —
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ J 10 9 8

♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S

♠ A J 7
♥ K 7
♦ Q J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 4

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

The bidding was rather good, for the Slam contract was pretty logical and not especially easy to reach. When East doubled, South almost redoubled for he knew that East was asking for a spade lead in the mistaken belief that he was behind the top spades. And South's impression

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE...3
KING...2
QUEEN...1
JACK...1/2

of the reason for the double was confirmed when West led a heart, for East's face showed unmistakable disappointment.

Keeping these convictions in mind, South put up dummy's heart Queen, and East won with the Ace of hearts. The return of the deuce of hearts went to South's King, and then South began to falter. He was practically certain that East held the King and ten of spades, but suppose he were wrong? A losing spade finesse would let West in to run a "million" hearts, and after all South was vulnerable and doubled.

So South decided to run his diamonds first, and that decision cost him the Slam. After he had run the diamonds and the three top clubs, he led the spade Queen from the dummy and captured the King with his Ace. But when West failed to follow suit, there was no longer an entry to dummy for another spade finesse. If South had played spades earlier, in accordance with his convictions, he could have taken a second finesse to make his Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ 10 4 3
♦ K J 9 6
♣ A 8

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Your partner must have a strong five-card heart suit and a good hand to bid vulnerable at the level of two. Your hand should contribute enough tricks to make game fairly easy.

Score 100% for four hearts. 50% for three hearts. 40% for two no-trump.

Question No. 698

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ Q 6 4
♦ 8
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♠	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid?—(Answer tomorrow.)

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OLD CONCEPT OF LIFE-SPAN MAY GO

SINCE THE LIFE SPAN of man passed from the realm of undiluted statistics to the province of scientific probing, investigation along similar lines has been going on concerning the longevity of animals.

By studying factors that influence the life span of one-celled animalcules and the known longevity of the elephant, researchers hope finally to overtake the problems associated with the ageing of man.

So far as the laboratory is concerned already simple types of animals have achieved immortality, although they have, of course, eluded accidental death and disease. Species of the animalcule maintain an indefinite vitality, although it loses its individuality by multiplying frequently. In man, too, certain cells never age, and human tissue can be kept cultured in glassware.

Phenomena

Types of sea anemones, whose recorded life sometimes varies from fifty to sixty-six years, display the phenomena of animalcules by undergoing a division of the individual and reproducing non-sexually.

Life span of the flatworm is round about a year, but they, too, have representatives, potentially immortal. It is possible to chop a flatworm into several sections for each division to become an entity or a new whole, while a similar result is obtainable with starfish. Backboneless and cold-blooded animals all have variations in life span. An earthworm can live ten years, its cousin, the leech, three times as long, and the parasitic trichina (found in partly-cooked pork) up to thirty years or more. Crayfish and lobster exist for three decades, certain types of spiders only half as long.

Researchers credit the ordinary housefly with seventy-six days of life, the bumble bee a year. In honey bees the drones live only a few weeks, the workers eight to ten months, and the queens anything up to seven years. Chemical factors, according to fixed laws, influence the longevity of fruit flies. Those with small wings (brought about by a secret chemical combination) live only a short time.

This and other body features in various species indicate that longevity is partly dependent on inherited constitution. In fish life goldfish may last thirty years, salmon only half as long, herrings two years, catfish eighty years, while enormous ages are reputed for the pike.

Amphibians, which are placed on a higher evolutionary stage than fish, fall behind as far as longevity is concerned. At the age of six the common frog is near-senile, but bull-frogs survive another decade.

Lizard Life

The giant salamander often reaches the half century. There is great diversity in the potential longevity of reptiles. Some lizards survive only a decade or so, others have life spans which exceed this period three or four times. Crocodiles are semi-centenarians, but alligators, who are not so tough, have a much shorter life.

Turtles and tortoises remain on the registers from anything from

140 to 200 years. Nearer to human life is that of the birds and mammals. High body temperature and a warm, steady internal environment lead to brain development, but because of their peculiar anatomy and lesser development of the nervous system, birds are unable to realise the full potentialities of warmth.

Although energy expenditure is high, centenarians among birds are not unknown, and include the vulture. Crows may outlive the elephant and whale, while some parrots have been returned at the grand old age of seventy

The difference in life span between a mouse and an elephant is almost as marked as their difference in size. Because of its smallness the mouse loses heat more rapidly and therefore expends energy at a higher rate to keep the body temperature. Its heart beat is twenty or thirty times faster than the elephant. Recent experiments on the white rat have revealed that the extension of the life span can be secured by a slow approach to maturity, done by controlling the daily consumption of calories.

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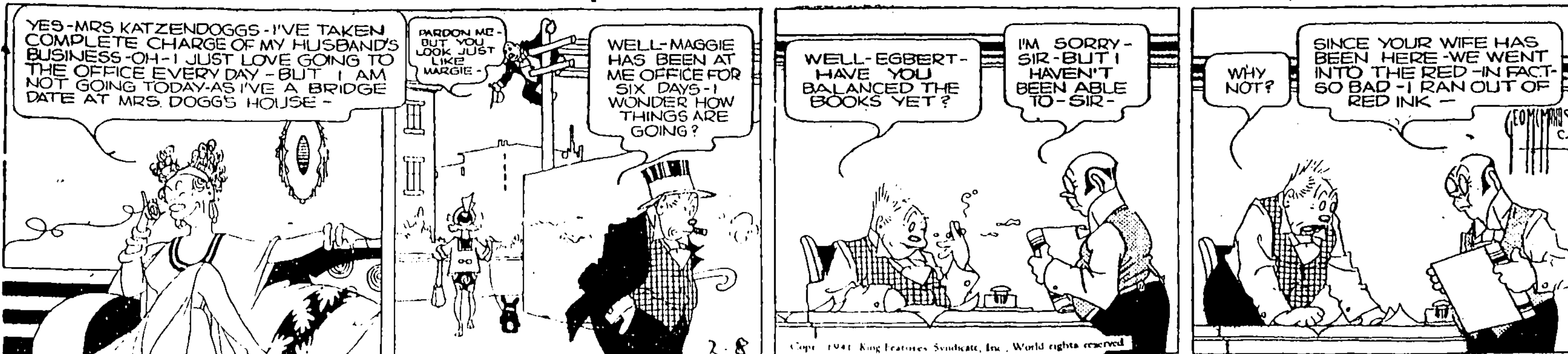
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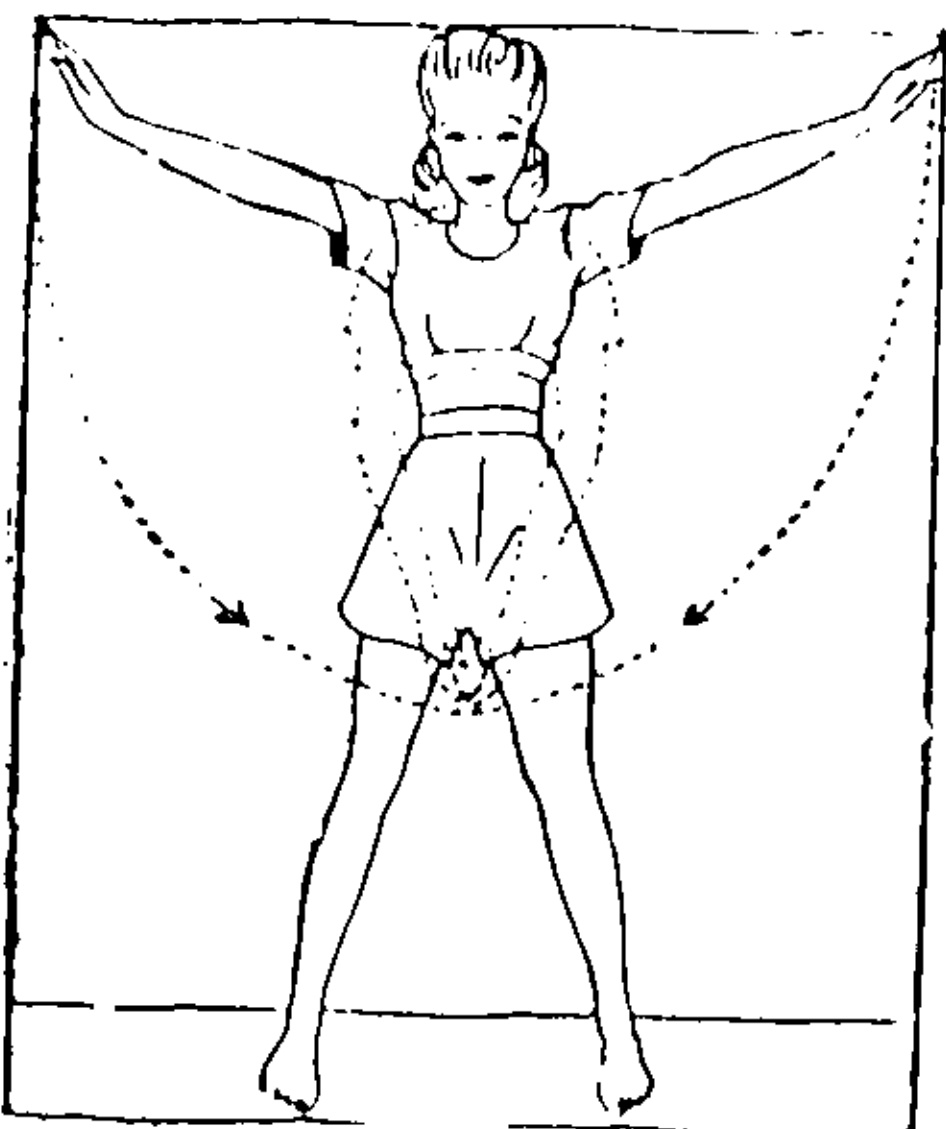
Torso Slimming Exercise

Older women who have neglected to exercise too many years must begin a refashioning routine with movements which do not strain them. Much harm can be experienced from strenuous movements if your body has not been gradually limbered first.

Swimming is an excellent means of limbering gradually and may be followed by more strenuous reducing and refashioning exercises such as hip slapping and waist stretching.

To-day I present two safe exercises for any older woman, or for a woman who is recuperating from an illness.

The first is a grand all-in-one for acquiring control of one's torso. It should be practiced in stocking feet and loose clothing.



Stand with legs apart, hands touching in front of body. Swing

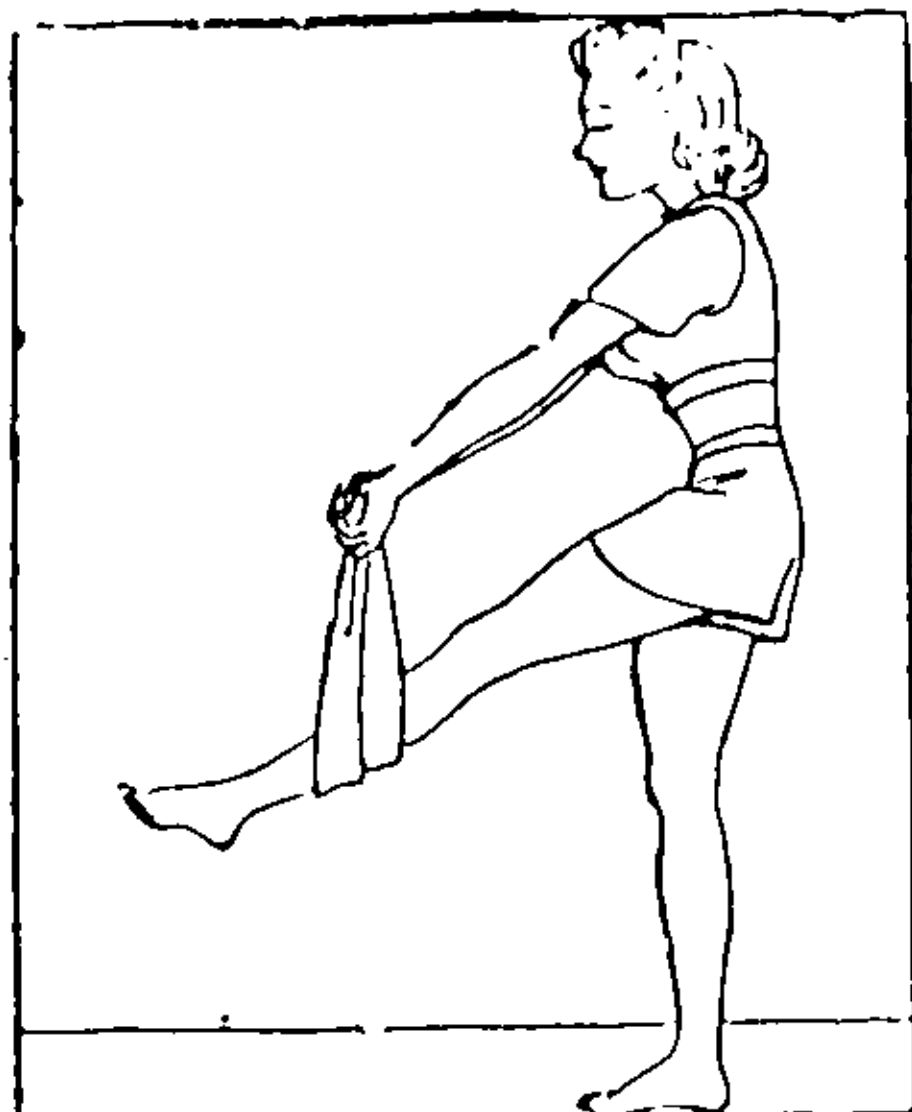
arms high and back, swing them low and let them cross each other. KEEP ELBOWS STRAIGHT AND KNEES STRAIGHT as you swing rapidly and for twelve times. Relax and repeat. ALSO HOLD YOUR ABDOMEN IN AND UP.

This exercise, though simple, is splendid for reducing the legs and for acquiring a steady balance which encourages body poise.

Grasp a Turkish towel in both hands. Raise left leg out stiffly without bending knee. Loop the towel under your ankle and pull it briskly from side to side as the weight of your leg rests on the towel. Relax after a couple of minutes and then loop the towel underneath the ankle and let it slide up the leg to under the knee as you briskly pull it from side to side. Relax and repeat with right leg.

Watch Posture

All the exercising in the world will not benefit you unless you make good posture an unconscious habit. You must hold your abdomen in and up, your buttocks tucked under, your head back and shoulders back but relaxed. Act queenly - be proud of an easy erect carriage - your body functions normally and makes you healthy when held in correct posture!



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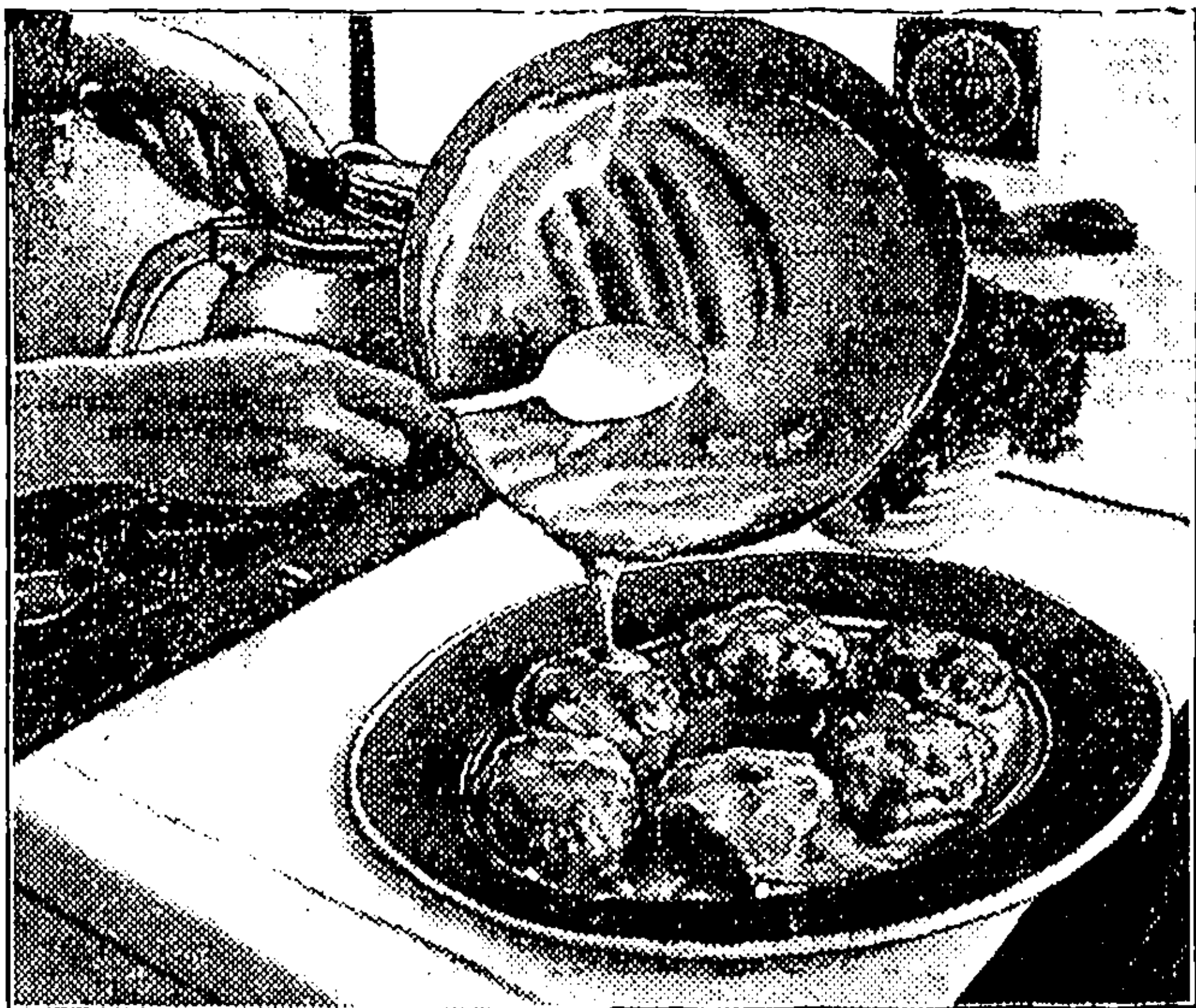
Dietering Dot says if exercise really makes for perfect form she should be the prize clotheshorse.

Savoury Meat Sauces

There's A New Way That's Speedy, Easy And Sure

says Dorothy Greig

SAUCES are one thing that many women avoid making. As a friend of mine once expressed it, "I love them on the dishes I get in restaurants but as for making the fussy, fiddling things myself, no sir!"



Creamy mushroom sauce lends zestful flavor to chopped meat patties.

There's no denying that sauces do demand time, skill and patience - if you start from scratch. But recently we have discovered we don't have to begin at the beginning. We can instead use condensed soups as a base and from them evolve some of the most zestful sauces that ever graced a dish.

You see, condensed soups as they come from the can already contain superb seasonings, skillfully blended. Therefore, the difficult and time consuming part of making the sauces has been done for us. All we need do is add a few extra flourishes.

And a fine sauce does bestow such flavor on a meat dish! Often-times it's the making of the dish. Take meat patties, for instance. Creamy mushroom sauce positively glorifies them. And made this new simplified way it's no trouble at all:

Mushroom Sauce
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 tablespoons milk or light cream,

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the milk and heat. Makes 1½ cups. Incidentally, this particular sauce is also delicious over many vegetables, but I think I like it best of all as a meat sauce. We all agree that hot tomato sauce does much for corned beef hash, pork chops, veal cutlets and the like.

Well, let's use condensed tomato soup for our sauce. You heat the soup just as it comes from the can and serve it thick and smooth without doing one single other thing to it. Or, for a more spicy sauce, try this:

Spiced Tomato Sauce
1 can condensed tomato soup,
2 tablespoons brown sugar,
2 teaspoons tarragon vinegar,
¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ground,
¼ teaspoon cloves.
Heat and serve.

And then there is this sauce - delicious for beef, meat loaf:

Mock Turtle Sauce
1 can condensed mock turtle soup,
6 tablespoons water.
Heat and serve.

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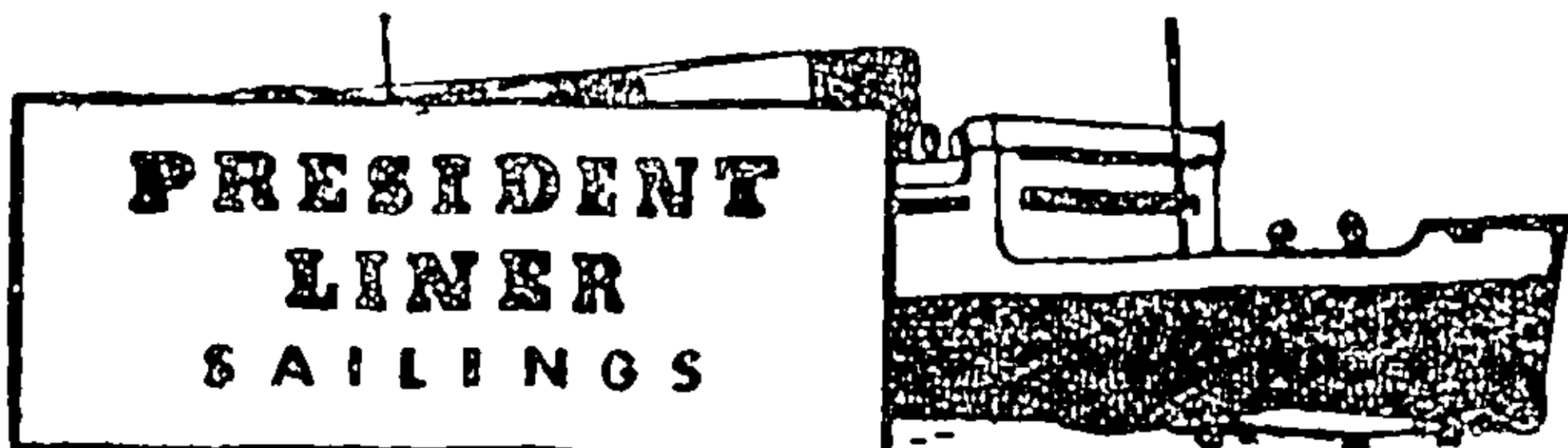
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EVACUEE OF 12 HITS AT CRITICS

On the darkened stairway of a strange house a child sat singing, for that was the only way she knew to keep herself from being afraid.

In the room at the foot of the stairs her baby brother was being born the room the child, only twelve, and the mother had spent long hours in cleaning, for they had gone there to escape the bombing of London's East End.

And one day, when she read criticisms by country people of the habits of evacuees, that twelve-year-old decided to hit back. She wrote this letter from the Leicestershire village where the family now live.

Dear Sir, I am disgusted at all the lies printed about evacuees. My mum would have died if she had not had me to feed her.

On January 2 I had a new brother and no one had been near Mum to see how she was and all New Year's day she was washing and cleaning ready.

The sheets she washed were froze on the line, but the neighbours didn't help me take them in and in the night I heard her moaning with pain and she even made me tea before she let me go out in the cold.

Neighbours Didn't Aid

She had her bed down in the kitchen, in the fire, put the water on, set her baby clothes out all ready and had our breakfast, yet they call Londoners lazy. Then I had to help the nurse and when my little brother was born the only place for me was to sit on the stairs and it was dark and cold. I thought to myself, where are the kind people who receive us with open arms and no one to even help the nurse.

I suppose they thought Mum hadn't any money to pay them for she had been going to have 2 women in but they didn't come till all the work was done and I had to clean up. So I said I'd manage now. Well then the nurse said "They couldn't come in as their children had a infectious illness and they would give it to Mum and baby."

"My dad came down as I sent him a telegram, you see he is on the rescue squad and had to get leave. Mum was very ill, but dad said he owed the baby's life to me and I could choose one name, so I had said "Good King Wenceslas" to cheer myself up.

"We Will Remember"

The nurse said my Mum is a wonderful woman as baby isn't damaged and Mum has had to do the breakfasts and potatoes and wash some of baby's things and tell me what to do. She is lovely cook and has set on the edge of her bed and made lovely puddings (excuse ink has run out) and dinners.

Some village people are so ignorant they think we know nothing. My little sisters came away before me and mum wanted to bring them back but all our windows were out and doors off from blast, so dad wired "Find anything."

Mum walked miles and got lodgings and they sent her papers for evacuation to stay. But she didn't get no money for a long time there so dopey down here. Now mum found this place and the rest was easy. She cleaned it and had blisters on her knees, hands like raw beef.

When this is over the good heart of the Londoner will harden and we will remember how mean the dirty lazy country jobs are.

Josephine Bennett age 12.

WED—LEFT HIM NEXT DAY

A husband, whose wife left him the morning after the marriage in July, 1936, was granted a decree nisi on the ground of desertion by Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court yesterday.

He was, Malcolm Finlayson MacFadyen, of York Road, Ilford, Essex. His wife, Anne did not contest the suit.

According to Mr. MacFadyen's case he was a barman when the marriage took place, and his wife a barmaid. They spent the night together and next morning he took her to her work, but had not seen her since.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession

12.30 p.m.—Variety with Frances Langford, Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels. Vocal: The Honourable Mr. So and So (Coslow). Frances Langford. Orch: Rumba Medley Intro. Mama Inez. Peanut Vendor (vocal). Sweet Muebacha. Cubaterra. Lady in Red (vocal). South American Joe. Cuban Marimba Band with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal: There is a Small Hotel ("On Your Toes"). Sing: Something in the Morning ("Home & Beauty"). Bebe Daniels. Piano: Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 28. Intro: Shake Down the Stars. Imagination, I was watching a Man paint a Fence. Playmates. No Man No. 1. Bear Bluebirds. Ivor Moreton & Dave Kaye. Vocal: Melody from the Sky (Mitchell, Alter). Is it True what they say about Dixie? (Caesari & Others). Frances Langford with Victor Young & his Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra and Derek Oldham (Tenor). Raymond. Overture (Thomas). New Light Symphony Orchestra. Nocturne (Curtis). A Little Love. A Little Kiss (Salsan). Derek Oldham (Tenor). Bullock (Confrey). Jazz Nocturne (Sussner). New Light Symphony Orchestra. Dany Little Maiden (Besley). W. M. Melville & Derek Oldham with Orchestra. Prelude (Haydn Wood). New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rube Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Joe Loss and his Orchestra. Quick Step: The Woodpecker Song. Fox-Trot: My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used to Be. Slow Fox-Trot: Star Dust Covered Bundle. Quick Step: Sweet Little Sweetheart. No Mama, No. Slow Fox-Trot: When Budapest was Young. Waltz: Moonlight on the Prairie. Tango Fox-Trot: The Memory of a Rose. Waltz: Memories Live Longer Than Dreams.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Strauss "Le Beau Danube" Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Meet Uncle Sam"

7.30 p.m.—Schumann's Concerto in D Major. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York, conducted by John Barbirolli

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—Operatic Duets. Die Meistersinger: Sachs and Eva Duets (Wagner). See Ev'chen Where, methought, can she be? A shoemaker's life is a life full of care. Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano) and Friedrich Schorr (Bartone) with Orchestra. "Aida" (Verdi). Heaven! My Father! Dusolina Giamini & Giovanni Ingullieri (Soprano & Bartone) with Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—The London Philharmonic Orchestra with Maurice Marechal (Cello). Legende Op. 59, No. 3 (Dvorak). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting

SOUGHT LIFE OF ADVENTURE—GOT IT

His boss called fifteen-year-old Jol Evans the town's best butcher boy, but John's secret dream was to lead a life of adventure, so he suddenly threw up his job in Cardigan, South Wales, to join a ship.

On the voyage home a storm blew his ship away from the convoy. He tasted his first dose of really bad weather and liked it. Along came John's sixteenth birthday. All the crew were about to celebrate it when Nazi bombs hit the ship twice. Then a plane swooped down again and again machine-gunning the crew as they took to their boats.

"Fortunately none of the crew was killed," said John.

"We were found several hours later by an armed trawler."

"It was the strangest birthday I ever expected to have."

"I wanted adventure and I've had it. Now I'm waiting for more."

The London Philharmonic Orchestra. Serenade. Espagnole. (Cello solo). Aires Un Reve (Pauri). Maurice Marechal (Cello). Suite de Ballet (The Origin of Dance) (Handel). Les Bourrees (Ch. R. Gounod). Les Musettes (Ch. R. Gounod). Les Fables (St. Thomas Beecham). London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Indian Lament (Dvorak). Dimanche de Paques sur la Mer (Easter Sunday at Sea) (Dupont). Maurice Marechal (Cello).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

9.30 p.m.—Plantation Songs

Camptown Races. Uncle Ned. Rust de Banjo. Old Black Joe. France. Lullaby & the Lyn Murray Quartet. Nellie Bly. Hard Times. Come Along No More. Oh! Susanna. Massa's in de Cold. Cold Ground. France. Lullaby & the Lyn Murray Quartet.

9.45 p.m.—London Piano Accordion Band.

Six Hit Medley Intro. Roll Along Prairie Moon. Girl with Dreamy Eyes. My Dance. Easter Parade. Dancing with My Shadow. She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue with Chorus.

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods). One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver & Others). At the Close of a Long, Long Day (Moll & Marvin) with Vocal Chorus.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things"

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot: Peter! Peter! Waltz: One Tiny Tear. Ray Noble & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot: The Only One Who's Difficult is You (film "Band Wagon"). Slow Fox-Trot: Melody Maker (film "Band Wagon"). Jack Hylton & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots: A Blue Canoe for Two. The Lady's in Love with You (film "Some Like it Hot"). Harry Roy & his Orchestra. Quickstep: "Tain't What You Do." Slow Fox-Trot: East Side of Heaven (from the film) Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

Fox-Trots: An Apple for the Teacher. Still the Bluebird Sings (film "The Star Maker"). Larry Clinton & his Orchestra.

Tangos: Summer Evening in Santa Cruz. Dear Madam. Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots: You Grow Sweeter as the Years Go By; Tears from my Inkwell. Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Comedy Waltz: The Village Band. Ray Noble & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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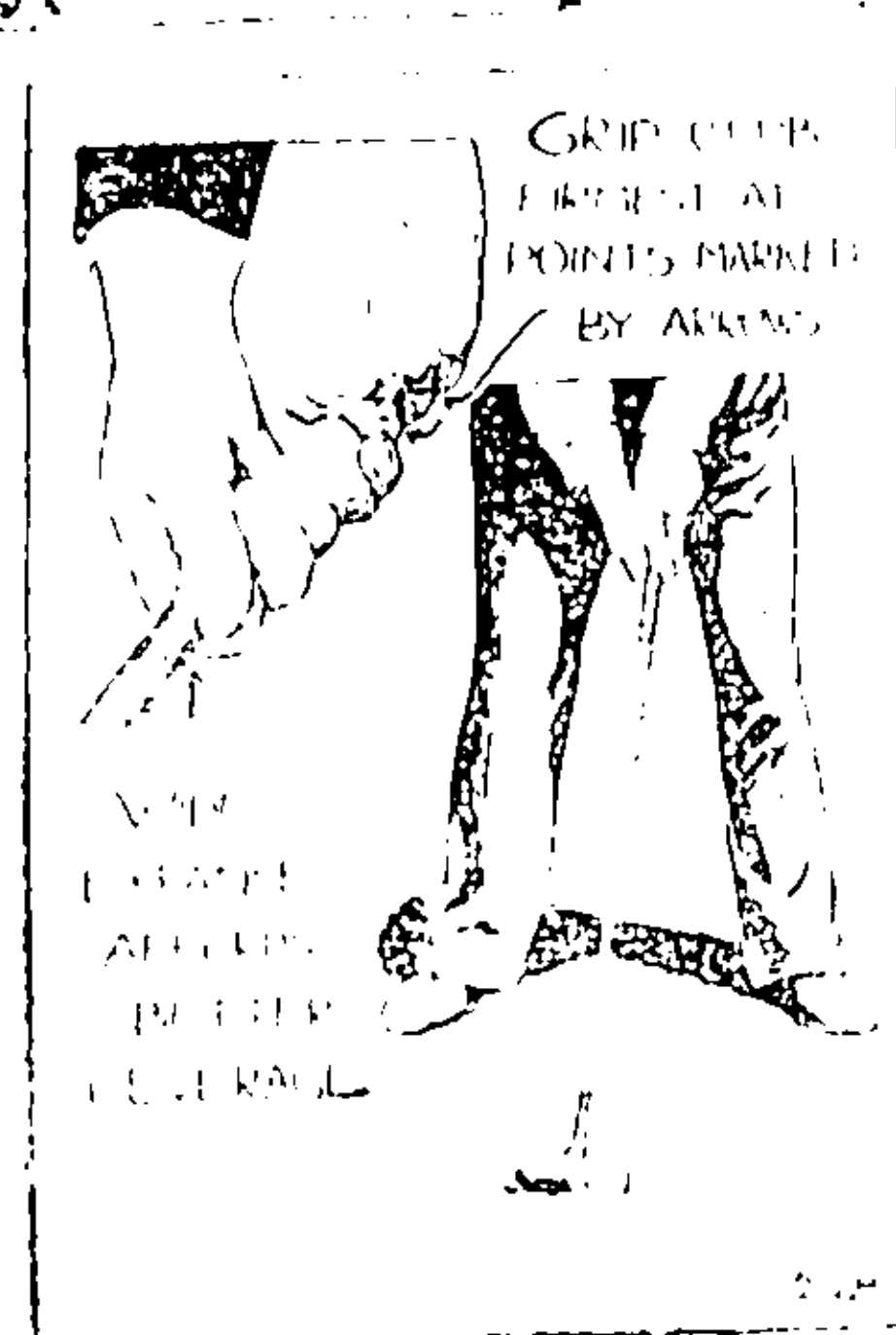
Long-Awaited Single Between Wong And Young

HOOI AND MISS KHOO FAVOURED

By "Adrem"

ALL BADMINTON ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROKEN THIS EVENING, WHEN THE LONG-AWAITED MATCH BETWEEN PATRICK H. WONG, THE HOLDER, AND M. P. YOONG, FORMER CAMBRIDGE HALF-BLUE AND CONQUEROR OF P. K. HOOI IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, TAKES PLACE.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Gripping The Club

By BEST BALL

Large hands are a going set for their wide expanse allows a greater application of leverage to the club. Golfers not so fortunate in the size of these members must take advantage of the leverage principle by having the firmest grip upon the shaft distributed over as wide an area as possible. For instance, the point of firmest pressure in the left hand grip must rest in the first three fingers of the left hand. This is the point furthest toward the end of the shaft as illustrated above.

The right hand must adapt its most secure grip in the index finger and thumb, nearest point in relation to the clubhead. The distance between these two points provides ample space to take full advantage of the application of leverage to the golf club. Furthermore the club held in this fashion allows good co-ordination between hand, arm and body movement, all three of which working together provide the essentials of smooth swinging.

BROMWICH IN TENNIS INCIDENT

John Bromwich's part in an exhibition tennis tournament in March at the Rushcutter Bay courts was the subject of a special report to the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia by the N.S.W.L.T.A.

The L.T.A.A. council decided to call for the report after it had received a letter on the tournament from the N.S.W. body, which said that it had asked Bromwich for an explanation.

Bromwich and Pails had been drawn to play in two singles and one doubles match. Bromwich had not complied fully with the request. The letter exonerated Pails.

Sir Norman Brooks, chairman, said that because the tournament was a national fixture it devolved upon the council to take action, but after discussion it was agreed that it should be left to New South Wales to take action, as that body had been asked to arrange the tournament.

Young played brilliantly to beat Hooi in a thrilling match, but his form in his doubles match on Tuesday was far from impressive. Wong's form, however, has also been variable but his experience and clever placement are expected to carry him through to the final.

In the mixed double event, P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo, who were the runners-up before last, will be opposed to M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. A. Silva. In many quarters, the former pair are expected to regain the crown but Oliveira's opposition is predicted to be a great trial and a tight contest. While Miss Silva is probably the finest lady player in the Colony, Hooi's superiority over Oliveira, however, will probably decide the issue.

T. S. Young and K. Fung should win their junior double against C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier, while Young is also expected to beat Chelliah in the event of the latter being fit enough to play. If Chelliah is unable to turn out this evening he will concede a walk-over.

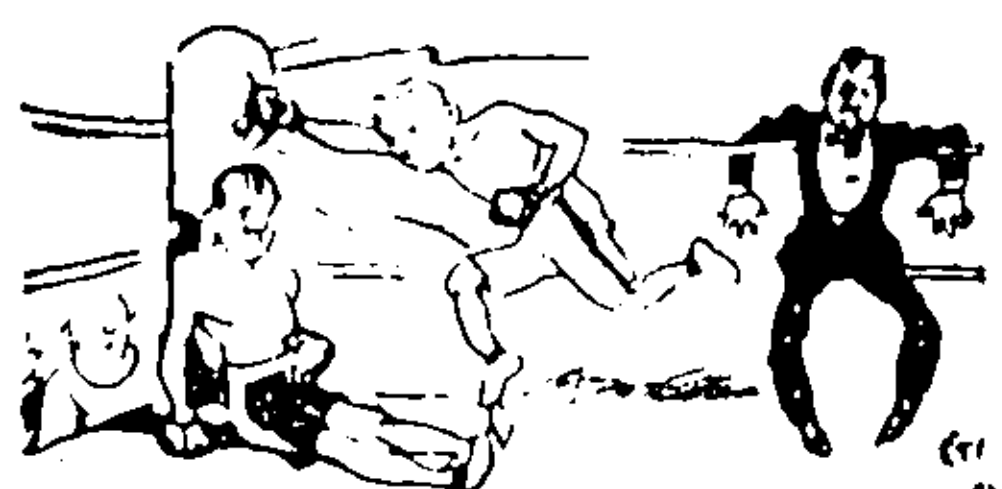
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MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva (8.30 p.m.).

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier.
SENIOR SINGLES
P. H. Wong v. M. P. Yoong.



PASSING OF A GREAT BOXER

Another sportsman who has passed over is Topsy Lee, famous Scottish boxer, who caused a sensation at the National Sporting Club during the last war by compelling Jimmy Wilde to retire in 17 rounds. Lee was knocked down and killed by a bus in his native Leith recently.

At the time he won the championship from Wilde, Lee had only a modest reputation. He was regarded as "easy game" for the incomparable Wilde, and what made his victory the more astonishing was Lee's age. He was 33 and the father of six children. Not till he was past 30 did Lee engage in his first professional fight. He continued in the ring until he was 45, and after losing the fly-weight title back to Wilde, moved up into the feather weight division and won a Lonsdale belt outright with three championship triumphs.

The council of the New South Wales Bowling Association decided recently to recommend all affiliated clubs to adopt uniform blazers and hatbands. The blazers will be of royal blue serge of a shade to be chosen, the name of the club to be in plain black letters in gold on the left hand top pocket. The hatband will be the same colour, with the club's name, also, in gold, diagonally across the front.

HUTTON BREAKS HIS ARM

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire cricketer, broke an arm during army duties recently. He will miss the early part of the coming cricket season.

BEST BRITISH BANTAM AND FLYWEIGHT BOXER

Nine days after storming his way to victory over Paddy Ryan in defence of the British flyweight championship, Jackie Paterson took the ring again at Newcastle and this time handed a points beating to Jim Brady, of Dundee.

It was a close struggle for a few rounds, with Brady's clever ducking and swaying unsettling Paterson; but later Paterson began to connect with his heavy hooks, and towards the end he was plastering Brady with punishment.

No title was involved, the journey being limited to 10 rounds, but it was a notable win all the same for Paterson was giving weight to a man who recently beat Kid Tanner for the Empire bantamweight championship. This virtually establishes Paterson as the best fighter in both flyweight and bantam classes.

FERRIER TO STAY IN AMERICA

JIM FERRIER, the Australian golf champion, who announced recently that he was making his appearance as a professional in the North-South championship at Pinehurst, has given his reasons for taking the step.

He is, however, most reticent about his citizenship plans. He would prefer not to make any statement about that subject.

When asked when he intended returning to Australia Ferrier said: "That is a hard question. The answer is I really do not know."

"I turned professional because two good offers came simultaneously and I could not afford to turn them down," he said. "I had an offer of the professional job at the Elmhurst Country Club, Chicago, by Fred Snite, senior, father of the 'iron lung patient,' for an undisclosed sum and I was considering it when I received another offer to represent Wilson's Sporting Goods Company, the largest in the world. I accepted both. The Wilson offer was received on February 24, the day after my birthday. I will begin work at Elmhurst when I finish at the Pinehurst, Greensboro, Asheville, and Augusta."

Ferrier continued: "American golf offers unusual opportunities for a good golfer if he can make the right connections. Golf is a developed business in America, whereas in Australia the game is still in its infancy. More people play golf here and that is the rea-

POLICE TEAM FOR MACAO

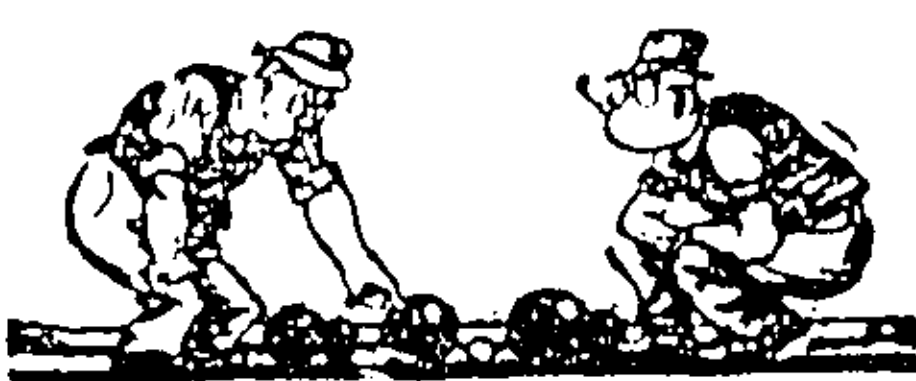
Marking the close of the season, Police Hockey Club, runners-up to Club de Recreio, in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament, will make the trip to Macao on Sunday to play a combined Macao team, which will most probably be chosen from the players who took part in the recent Inter-port match.

The team will leave on the early morning boat and is expected to return to the Colony the following morning.

Mr. E. C. Lacombe, A. S. P., the manager, and Sergeant Roth, wall, the Hon. Secretary will accompany the team, which will be represented by the following players:

NARANJAN SINGH, MAN SINGH and BLACKBURN, LES. LIE GOUGH and HAYWARD, TEJA SINGH, HOWLETT, NARWANT SINGH, PARKER and BROWN.

Reserves: Wall and Joshi Singh.



BOWLS ON SATURDAY

Marking the opening of their season, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club will entertain Kowloon Football Club in a friendly lawn bowls match at Hungham on Saturday afternoon.

WAH YAN SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Meeting of the Kowloon Wah Yan College will take place at 1 p.m. to-day, at Kowloon Football Club, Chatham Road.

FAMOUS HORSE DESTROYED

Racing men at Home were sorry to hear Sir Francis Towle's news that he had been compelled to have his famous steppelasher, Airhead Sios, destroyed. The horse broke down badly at exercise at Epsom and all attempts to put him right failed.

A more spectacular jumper than Airhead Sios could not be imagined. He fairly flew over his fences, and his pace and pulling power on the flat were terrific. He won two Becher's and one Champion chase at Ascot, so there was no doubting his ability to get the course.

Yet, in the huge Grand National field and amid all the excitement and fuss of that great day Airhead Sios was not a champion at all. The National should have been easy for a horse of such jumping powers and speed, but his temperament was not equal to the occasion.

ANOTHER TENNIS PRO.

Dorothy Round, twice winner of the women's singles at Wimbledon, will soon follow Mary Hardwick into professional tennis match play. That is the opinion in London following her reported intention of becoming a professional coach.

Her case is much like Miss Hardwick's. Mary found that the currency restrictions created difficulties for her in the United States, and she signed on with the Alice Marble troupe chiefly because she needed the money to support herself.

Dorothy Round (Mrs. Little, a doctor's wife), evacuated to Canada with her small son, also seeks to be self-supporting while she is out of England. But as she aims at the same time to assist war charities, then she must play match tennis, as there cannot be much left over for war funds out of coaching fees.

RUGBY CLUBS' DISSATISFACTION

With most of the winter gone Rugby football followers have not had a single big match to absorb their attention, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction over it in club circles.

They feel that something should be done and done quickly, by the Rugby Union to stage representative matches. England played Wales twice last season, with the result that over £8,000 was raised for the Red Cross.

Clubs say it is a matter of duty for the R. U. to keep up the good work, yet the indications are that nothing is likely to be done. It is said the R.U. view is that they should do nothing that might add to the road and rail transport problems.

It is difficult, however, to align this opinion with the fact that only recently the sister game of Soccer staged an England-Scotland match at Newcastle, drawing 31,000 people. If it is in order for Soccer to do that, why must Rugby hold its hand?

Soon after war began the R.U. cancelled all club subscriptions and declared a moratorium on loans. This means that the R.U. have no income, but they have a fat reserve (about £20,000), so it does not hurt them to retire into their shell until the return of peace and prosperity.

Whether this is the right attitude for a governing body to adopt in war time is another matter. Clubs and players argue that the R.U. should be up and doing, putting some life into the game and helping to raise cash for war funds.

Enthusiastic At Opportunity

Ferrier is most enthusiastic over his new jobs and is proudly distributing pamphlets advertising his fourth in the Chicago open golf championship at Elmhurst in July last.

Mrs. Ferrier is equally enthusiastic about her husband receiving the jobs almost a year to the day after Ferrier landed in America. She says she is more delighted as there were 150 applications for the Elmhurst job. Mr. Snite recently spent \$35,000 on the course and \$7,000 on the clubhouse.

Ferrier said when he came here he had no idea of receiving a job. Possibilities were revealed at Miami. He had booked a passage early this year for Australia.

Cricket In Tasmania Like Rural England

THE ASSERTION of the popular song that "There'll Always Be an England" is given an unexpected ring of truth by the way in which cricketers in Australia persist in keeping alive the best traditions of the grand old English summer game despite the war-depleted players' ranks and other difficulties, writes a correspondent from Hobart, Tasmania.

Evidence is the first intra-state game of the season played here in a setting now perhaps more English than the bomb-torn playing fields of the Old Country. Half-a-century-old deciduous trees that might have been plucked from the very heart of rural England shaded the raised turf-covered banks upon which spectators sprawled in village-green fashion to watch the two-day match fought out on the richly verdant oval.

In former years this game has always been a trial of strength before the selection of the State side to meet Mainland state teams. This year it is a tribute to custom, for Tasmania can never field an eleven strong enough to compete with the more populous Mainland states in the serious Sheffield Shield competition and the social games with Mainland sides, in peace years the biggest events of the Tasmanian cricketing season, are war casualties.

The result was a not unexpected rout, with Southern Tasmania the victors. Their opponents, Northern Tasmania, fielded a side mostly comprised of recruits to intra-state cricket. In comparison, the Southern eleven, with eight men who have played for Tasmania included, was a detachment of Storm Troopers.

Scores were: South, first innings, 349; 96 for three wickets; North, 142, and 302.

CRICKET PLANS AT HOME

Cricket seems far distant, but already some of the counties are making their plans, and it is good to hear that Notts, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Surrey and Essex have plumped for continuance throughout 1941, writes a London Correspondent.

London Counties XI, a war creation, will also be operating with their all-star band of cricketers, such as Sandham, Durston, Sims, Wellard and Jim Smith, that mighty hitter of sixes.

Notts will have Joe Hardstaff turning out for them on occasions, though he is now a sergeant in an anti-aircraft battery. Harris and Butler, of Notts, are also in A.A. units, but it is true of every club that Service claims have made in-roads into their elevens, and some of the team-picking is going to be a bit makeshift.

As an instance of the sort of thing that is liable to happen, switch for a moment to billiards. When Sidney Smith was called up for the Royal Armoured Corps he was due to play a match. The promoter hastily thought of a substitute, and picked Walter Donaldson. But when he phoned the Scottish stylist it was only to learn that he, too, had enlisted.

Unfortunately, Yorkshire cannot see their way to play cricket. They stood down last summer. But, as Sir Stanley Jackson, the president, pointed out in Leeds on January 29, every Yorkshire player under 40 is serving in the Forces. For all that, Yorkshire, with the aid of juniors and veterans, took part in minor matches for the Red Cross Fund, and raised £2,260.

A news item revealed by Sir Stanley was that John Tunncliffe, the great Yorkshire opening batsman of a past age (he is now 75), was recently buried for 3½ hours under a bombed building.

Rescuers got Tunncliffe out, shaken, but unharmed.

JOE LOUIS MATCHED WITH BUDDY BAER

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, has been matched with Buddy Baer, Maxie's little brother, for a title bout. It was announced here yesterday, May 23 was set tentatively for the fight.

WARWICK C.C. YEAR'S PROFIT

Warwickshire cricket club proudly reports a profit on last season working of £21 9s. 8d. It wanted some doing making a profit at all, seeing what they had to contend with. There were bomb craters dotted about, including one a few yards from the pavilion which wiped out the practice shed, and several incendiaries on the pavilion itself.

Whether Warwickshire will continue in the coming summer is indefinite, but an encouraging sign is that members have rolled up with £1,166 to date in subscriptions.

VETERAN CRICKETER RETIRES

H. S. ("Hammy") Love, veteran wicketkeeper, first-class batsman, and sportsman, has announced his retirement at the end of the season. His has been a long and distinguished career, extending over 30 years.

Love represented New South Wales and Victoria in Sheffield Shield games, but, with the exception of one test match at Brisbane, higher honours eluded him. W. A. Oldfield was an obstacle in his crickering path.

Love was a sound keeper and batsman in Shield games, having a batting average of 36.4 for 47 completed innings.

STAYED FIVE ROUNDS AGAINST LOUIS

Clarence Burman, the red-haired Irish-American, went into the fifth round against Joe Louis in New York recently thus upsetting most of the odds laid against him. The betting boys did not wager on the result, but on the distance of the so-called battle, and few credited Clarence with the ability to survive three rounds.

Tommy Farr, who beat Burman easily in London, has since received yet another cable from Milk Jacobs, but, even if he wanted to make the trip (and he cannot make up his mind), there is the problem of securing an exit permit.

Bobby Pearce, the world's professional sculling champion, is in hospital suffering from a broken leg, the result of a professional wrestling match against Wallace Musovich, of Chicago, at the end of March.

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CAPITULATION OF GREEK ARMY OF THE EPIRUS

Terms Announced By Italian High Command

SURVIVORS REACH MADEIRA

Twenty-one survivors of the British steamer, Aurillac, which was sunk by enemy action, landed at Funchal, Madeira Is., yesterday in a lifeboat which was towed into port by a Portuguese fisherman. A search for a second missing lifeboat is proceeding.—Reuter

FRENCH WHEAT CROP

AN INCREASE IN THE WHEAT CROPS, BOTH IN UNOCCUPIED AND OCCUPIED FRANCE, FROM 7,800,000 ACRES IN 1940 TO 10,000,000 ACRES IN 1941 WAS ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH AT LIMOGES BY THE VICHY SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE, M. CAIJOT.

He added that the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient through dear foodstuffs amounting to 40,000,000 quintals equivalent to sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle. Mr. Caijot thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening.—Reuter.

Extent Of Surrender Not Yet Clear

THE AGREEMENT on the capitulation of the Greek forces in Epirus and Macedonia was issued last night by the Italian High Command, and reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of Epirus and the Greek Forces in Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek officers shall keep their swords and equipment. All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners meanwhile will be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in Continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

Spoils Of War

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under the command of their officers and shall take early measures to carry out the capitulation. Supplies

and services for the Greek prisoners shall for the start, be maintained by the Greek High Command.

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the armies of Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute the spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.—Reuter

Differing Figures

The Germans and the Italians are unable to agree on the number of Greek troops that have surrendered.

The German News Agency, which says that the armistice came into force at six o'clock last evening, says it was signed near Salonika, and adds: "It is estimated that between ten and twelve Greek divisions have surrendered."

The Italian Agency says the surrendered forces number between sixteen and eighteen divisions—the greater part of the Greek Army.

Vichy Estimate

In London, it is stated that authentic figures of the extent of the capitulation are not yet forthcoming. The military commentator of the official Vichy news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December.

This, says the commentator, accounts for the greater part of General Papagos' forces and leaves only a few Greek units in line co-operating with the British forces. He thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains, the Gulf of Patras and the Ionian Sea.—Reuter

ALLIED FORCE MAKING STAND IN PASS OF THERMOPYLAE

(Continued from Page 1)

not camouflaged, but are painted black with a red swastika. Transport is not convoyed and masses of material, guns, tanks, all jumbled together are pouring along the lines of communication, making good bombing targets.

Cairo Statement

It is reliably stated in Cairo military quarters that German pressure on the British forces eased off during Sunday and Monday, enabling the withdrawing troops to consolidate their new position.

But the respite is not expected to last, though the advanced German elements must be near exhaustion.

It is not believed in Cairo that the surrender of the Army of Epirus affects the main Greek force.

German Claim Modified

German troops south of Lamia are reported to be 50 miles from Athens, according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale D'Italia."

A Stefani Agency telegram states that firing ceased last night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the terms of the armistice agreement.—Reuter.

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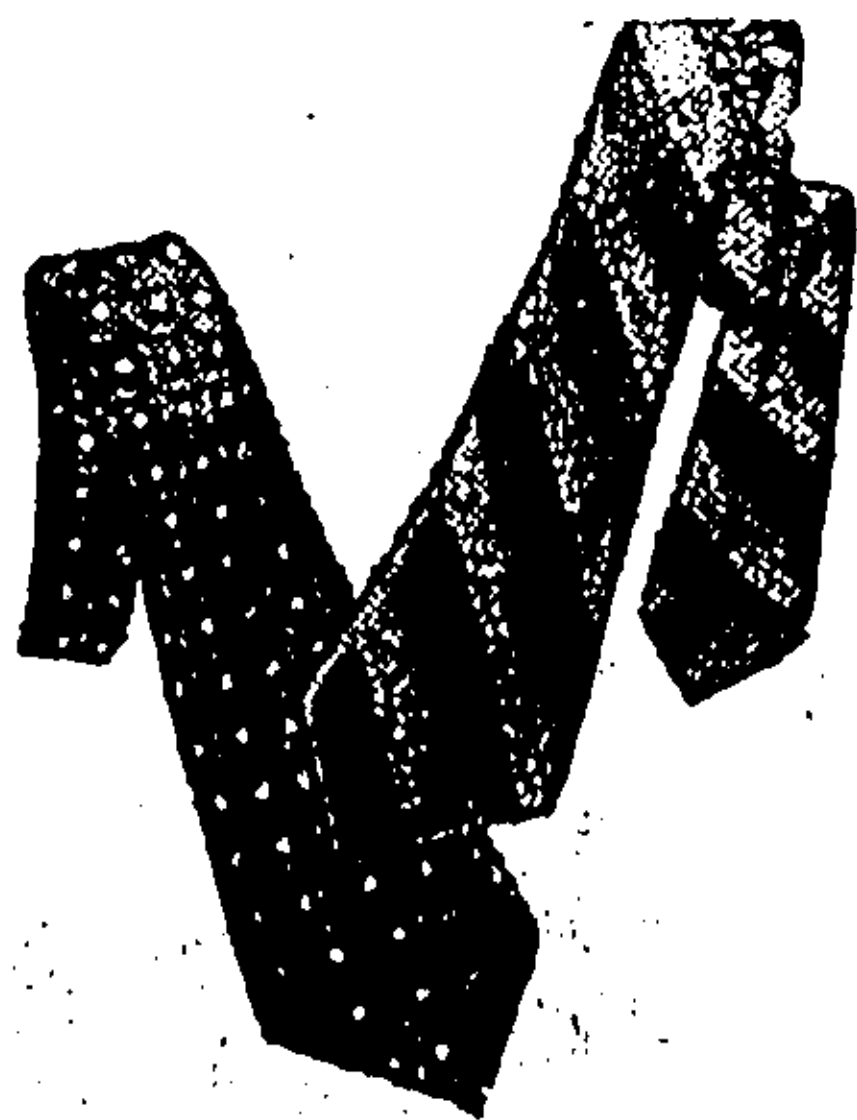
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SEVERE NAZI LOSSES

German losses in Greece are extremely heavy according to reports reaching Ankara.

Travellers from Bulgaria state that the German troops in Sofia can hardly believe their eyes as they see masses of wounded arriving.

THE WILDEST ESTIMATES OF GERMAN LOSSES ARE CURRENT IN SOFIA, ONE PUTTING GERMANS KILLED AT 80,000 AND WOUNDED AT A QUARTER OF A MILLION. THESE MAY NOT BE CREDITABLE BUT THEY DO SERVE TO INDICATE THAT THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN SEVERE AND BEYOND ALL GERMAN ANTICIPATION.

Nothing is known in Ankara about the reported German occupation of Lemnos and Samothrace, but well-informed circles consider it likely that the Nazis will attempt to capture all the Greek Islands which, in conjunction with the Dodecanese, afford useful jumping-off bases for aircraft.

Although the war is now approaching Turkey's sea coast as well as the land frontiers, the Turkish public remains cool and its spirit is summed up in the words of one leader of public opinion who said yesterday: "If attacked we will fight to the last man; we have taken all precautions; let the aggressor remember he will not take us by surprise."—Reuter.

NAZI MENACE IN IRAQ

Replying to a Commons question, Mr. Eden declared yesterday that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and to the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

Mr. Morris Jones (Liberal Nationalist) asked whether Mr. Eden would see that no Foreign Office sensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out of bag and baggage immediately.

Mr. Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had power and authority to take action.—Reuter.

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED AND SUNK

It is officially announced by the Admiralty that the armed merchant cruiser, H.M.S. "Rajputana" has been torpedoed and sunk.

She is a sister ship of the Rawalpindi Reuter.

FAST MTB'S FOR BRITAIN

About 20 fast torpedo-boats are ready for delivery to Britain and are possibly on the way now, according to Colonel Knox, the Navy Secretary.

The boats are capable of going at over a mile a minute, he told a press conference in Washington yesterday, adding that they will be transported across the Atlantic.

Colonel Knox also revealed that the United States is negotiating for the construction in Canada of a number of warships, probably corvettes.

He pointed out that any warships in built for the United States might be handed over to Britain under the Lend-Lease system.

The decision will be reached when the ships near completion. Questioned regarding American aid for Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic, Colonel Knox said that he understood that larger and faster freighters have been seeking independently, to run the gauntlet of U-boats and bombers for some time.—Reuter.

BULGARIAN ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

The Bulgarian Minister at Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedegach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Free French Agency. The Agency also reports that part of the British Colony in Aleria has arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor.—Reuter.

Still Inflicting Heavy Losses On The Germans

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANCHORED TO MOUNTAIN POSITIONS IN THE PASS OF THERMOPYLAE, BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS LAST NIGHT WERE WAGING A FURIOUS BATTLE TO KEEP THE GERMANS FROM SWEEPING OUT OF THE PLAIN OF THESSALY INTO ATHENS.

Immense losses continue to be inflicted upon the Germans, according to Anglo-Greek advices from the front, as the Germans continued to throw infantry recklessly into the battle.

All authoritative information indicates that the Allied withdrawal has been halted and that the Greek and British troops are attempting to make an effective stand in the same area where 2,421 years ago Leonidas held off the Persian hordes. — International News Service.

The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It was pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances is limited and considerable damage have been done to them by both sides.

This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the Germans' tempestuous push which enabled the British forces to carry out the successful withdrawal to the new line.

Easing off may also have been due, it was stated, to heavy losses suffered by the Germans.

ONE GERMAN DIVISION TAKEN BACK TO RUMANIA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH HAD LOST 65 PER CENT. OF ITS PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL ACCORDING TO REPORTS BY REFUGEES.

Full-Scale Attack

Reuter's special correspondent with the British Forces in Greece states that a full-scale attack by German hordes against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment.

The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in dealing with the attacks of the advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited wounded being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits though they realise they are up against it."

Air Attacks

While the British troops stolidly face the full strength of the German Army now being marshalled for attack, they are being

dive-bombed and machine-gunned from sunrise to sunset by the German Air Force.

Two British soldiers are back in the British lines after being taken prisoners. They escaped and on crossing to safety, they spoke of the amazing audacity (Continued on Page 16)

Hospital Ship Attacked

A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived at Haifa yesterday.

It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately dive-bombed by five Nazi planes whilst embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences.—Reuter.



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EYE-WITNESS STORY OF THE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF TRIPOLI

Over Five Hundred Tons Of Shells Poured Into Port

(Reuter's Special Correspondent Aboard the Flagship of a Battle Fleet of the Mediterranean Fleet)

FOR 50 MINUTES YESTERDAY, I WATCHED BATTLESHIPS AND LIGHT UNITS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET PLASTER ITALY'S MAIN NORTH AFRICAN PORT OF TRIPOLI WITH 553 TONS OF SHELLS.

The bombardment which began shortly after dawn on Monday was the heaviest of the war. The results so far confirmed from air observation, include hits on destroyer berths with one destroyer badly damaged, five merchant ships burned out or sunk and at least four others hit and set on fire.

The Spanish Quay, which was one of the principal objects of the bombardment, received two 15-inch salvoes with two further probable direct hits from 15-inch guns. This was followed by ten minutes of continuous hits from lighter armaments resulting in the destruction of warehouses and offices.

Further damage was done to the power station and railway station and an army stores depot, while a large building, thought to be an army headquarters, was seen to collapse.

Finally, a large fire was left blazing following hits on an oil-fuel depot.

Apart from these successes, pilots of the Fleet Air Arm also scored heavily during the five days we have been at sea.

They shot down two shadowing 'planes and four large German troop-transports were forced down into the sea, and badly damaged a large Dornier flying-boat. During the operations we lost only one fighter. Otherwise there was no damage nor casualties.

Convoy First

The operation for which we went to sea obviously was for covering certain convoys, which was successfully carried out.

It was not until the third day at sea that the Commander of this ship announced his intention to bombard Tripoli early the following morning.

Our first two days at sea were entirely uneventful. We were joined by other units of the fleet which a few days previously had carried out a bombardment of the Cyrenaican coast and had sunk five merchantmen with their escort of three destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

Air Clash

On the morning of the third day, the Fleet Air Arm had its first success when one of Italy's newest type of 'planes was shot down.

The same afternoon, a formation of three large slow-moving 'planes, presumably en route to Benghazi from Sicily, were sighted astern. British fighters immediately gave chase, whereupon two more enemy 'planes were sighted. All proved to be Junkers 55's—large triple-engined troop-carrying 'planes.

The combat was too far for me to watch but I learned afterwards that the fighters shot down four of the 'planes before running out of ammunition. It was in this fight that one of our fighters was lost.

Submarine Warning

Towards dusk that day, a submarine was reported in the neighbourhood and British destroyers dropped depth-charges for over an hour, but no effects were observed.

Decks were cleared for action of all unnecessary gear, pictures, shelves, bookcases and doors were stripped from the ward-room. So far we had been extremely lucky and had not received any air attacks.

When darkness fell, the enemy apparently still unaware of our intentions, we altered course and went full-speed ahead for Tripoli.

Opening Phase

While still two hours' distance from Tripoli, we could see violent anti-aircraft fire and flaming onions as the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm had already begun their attack, engaging the port defences while we took up position for bombardment.

We also passed a fully illuminated hospital ship about 10 miles from Tripoli but it was very unlikely that she saw the blacked-out battle as the moon had not yet risen.

Although the raid carried out by British 'planes had failed to start any big fires, the large number of green, blue, yellow, and white flaming onions sent up by Tripoli defenders provided ample guide as we approached.

For fully half an hour, I watched an intermittent barrage against our aircraft as we gradually crept near the shore. A solitary Italian searchlight tried to pick out an encircling aircraft which was continuously dropping bombs and flares.

Half an hour before the naval bombardment was due to begin, I left the flight deck from which I was watching the progress of the raid, and climbed into an after 15-inch control tower which was my action station.

Eerie Watch

It was a most eerie watch in this small circular control tower situated immediately above the 15-inch after-gun turrets. The only light came from instrument panels and glare from slowly dropping flares through narrow observation slits.

Wearing white helmets, and long white gauntlets, we waited for the zero-hour of 0500. The sea was dead calm. Slowly moving ships sent out long ripples as they took up positions, preceded by destroyers. The last quarter of the moon appeared just over the horizon dead astern. The

night was brightly starlit. Visibility ahead had been good as we approached within 11,000 yards of the shore, but the preliminary bombing raid had thrown up clouds of dust and smoke.

Drifting Past

It was nevertheless possible to pick out a large two-tunnel ship lying in the harbour before our first salvo crashed into the town sending up large columns of dust. That was the signal for all ships to open fire. We hardly seemed to move as we drifted past the target area on almost the same bearing for 20 minutes. Throughout this period, no opposition was encountered.

All efforts by the defenders appeared to be centred on shooting down the numerous flares which the British 'planes were dropping in batches of 12, lighting up the town. An unceasing stream of multicoloured flaming onions rose from the smoke-smothered town. They looked like necklaces leaving strange patterns in the sky as they floated up in a gigantic fire-work display.

Blotted Out

Soon, not only the coastline, but also the dim forms of the ships astern were completely blotted out by a pall of smoke but the British gunners had their range. After 25 minutes, we altered course and swung our guns to starboard. Not till then did the enemy shore batteries open fire on us. All our ships continued firing for a further 25 minutes until 0550 hours.

Flashes were now visible from two shore batteries and there was an unpleasant sound of shells whistling overhead. As the bombardment progressed spotting became more and more difficult and we did not learn the full results until late that afternoon.

My last impression of Tripoli as we drew away was a solid blanket of smoke and sand. Flares and dense clouds of smoke were rising into the sky as an oil-fuel depot blazed furiously. Our firing range was about seven miles and one ship alone fired over 150 tons of shells into the port.

With less than two hours of darkness in which to withdraw from the Tripoli coast, we were prepared for a most unpleasant day.

We did not expect to sit down for a mid-day meal and ships' cooks had been busy the previous evening preparing cornish pasties for a picnic luncheon, but the immediate retaliation we expected did not materialise.

'Planes Shot Down

We sighted an enemy seaplane which our fighters promptly destroyed and a large Dornier flying-boat which was forced down into the sea and took off again only to be forced back into the sea badly damaged.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, as we were hastening towards our base, three Junkers 88's came over but before they reached gun range, our fighters intercepted them. One was shot down and the port engine of the second set on fire. — Reuter.

GERMANS RAIDING EAST ANGLIA AND N.W.

There was some enemy air activity round the British coast in daylight yesterday.

An Air Ministry communique states that the raiders were mainly active near the East Coast. A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.

Enemy 'planes were reported over East Anglia and North-Western England last night. — Reuter.

U.S. AID IN THE WAR

A call for further aid and material to be furnished to the nations of Europe was made in a speech by Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, at a St. George's Day luncheon yesterday in Ottawa.

He declared that Canada and the United States were prepared to defend not only the coastline of North America but the seas for over 900 miles from the shore.

Referring to aid for Europe, he said that he was hopeful that more aid would be forthcoming as a result of the Hyde Park declaration issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King which announced the pooling of the defence resources of Canada and the United States to ensure the most effective aid to Britain.

Referring to the change in military technique, Mr. La Guardia concluded: "Uniformed forces of the army and navy, no matter how courageous, cannot win a war any longer."

"Wars to-day are won by the people of enemy people racing food in the fields and workers in factories producing weapons." — Reuter.

ABSURD RUMOUR QUASHED

A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell enjoys the full confidence of the Government, and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was given in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Moyne.

The rumour in question had been mentioned by Lord Elibank, who said that it apparently arose from the recent visit of the C.I.G.S., Sir John Dill, to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that Sir John Dill's visit was in accordance with the normal practice whereby personal contact between the highest military authorities at Home and in the field is consistently maintained. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SORTIE

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS CARRIED OUT TWO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RAIDS FROM TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS A BRITISH HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE FROM CAIRO.

Seventeen Italian officers and 430 other ranks were captured while our own casualties were slight.

One enemy field gun was destroyed in the Sollum area. Our patrols and artillery are continuing their offensive activities. — Reuter.

JAPANESE DENIAL

A spokesman of the Netherlands East Indies Government yesterday denied the reports that the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. Van Kleffens, will visit Australia, according to a Japanese report. — Reuter.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FLEET

IN A ST. GEORGE'S DAY broadcast yesterday, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield said: "How great is the responsibility of the fleet to-day? How much greater than it should have been?"

"If only Britannia had not slept during those peace years but had rebuilt her navy sooner, many seamen's lives and many millions of tons of vital cargo would have been saved!"

"In the past, a handful of British soldiers changed the history of the world."

English seamen in small ships have driven great enemy fleets off the seas.

"Our foes have been surprised to find our young generation as superior in fighting efficiency to the German, I need not mention valiant as it is a fight by which this great generation of Englishmen will ever be remembered in history."

Lord Chatfield concluded: "What we have done before we can do again. We shall win through." — Reuter.

AIR ACTIVITY IN ABYSSINIA

Fighter aircraft of South African Air Force yesterday destroyed one Caproni over Debra Marokos, while at Almoat (a landing ground), aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron destroyed one S79 and two CA139's by machine-gun fire. — British Wireless.

Hitler No Nearer Goal

FURTHER REINFORCEMENT OF MANILA

The United States troop transports "Mariposa" and "Washington" are expected to arrive in Manila in May.

The "Mariposa" is expected about May while the "Washington" will arrive later, both bringing large detachments of troops.—Reuter.

HOLD FAST CALL BY PREMIER

"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Tsouderos, to the Greek Nation.

He adds: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men." "The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

"In this tragic but great moment when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King, worthy symbol of the great struggle that the nation is pursuing, I am truly proud of this political and national move which illustrates in the fullest possible the unconquerable soul of Greece and proclaim the firm determination of its all not to give in to the invader."

Struck In The Back

"We are defending ourselves against unjust aggression of unprecedented baseness. To save a cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of a hundred million struck us in the back."

M. Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, glorified and a greater nation from these trials.

"Moreover, the moral strength of our country has never in the past reached the heights attained to-day."—Reuter.

Yugoslav Decision

The Yugoslav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with the other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr. Eden told the House of Commons yesterday that the Yugoslav Government is now established, having given formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory has been won.

Britain, added Mr. Eden, firmly intends to restore the independence of Yugoslavia, and in the meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.—Reuter.

Dr. Matchek

Asked if he had any information on the whereabouts and safety of Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, Mr. Eden said: "I regret I have none at present."—British Wireless.

MEANING OF SUCCESS IN GREECE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

ANOTHER KING AND Government have been driven into exile — another little country has been overrun and almost submerged by the ruthless power of Germany's panzer divisions.

But despite this success, which it is not necessary to belittle, the Germans cannot be said to be much nearer their goal.

Britain is Hitler's main enemy. The subjugation of Yugoslavia and the conquest of Greece, which is by no means yet achieved, cannot weaken Britain or strengthen Germany.

It is true that small forces of British troops have been involved in the Greek campaign. These forces are still fighting with undiminished confidence, although how long they will be able to hold out remains to be seen.

Weight Of Numbers

It was obvious to any military eye that the British force was of limited strength when no attempt was made to hold the passes covering Salonika.

It is reckoned that the Germans disposed of 25 divisions as well as four fully motorised divisions, while the Italians had almost as many in Albania. The total Greek forces were much smaller and sheer weight of numbers was bound to tell in the Axis favour.

It is learned on good authority that both the British and Greek casualties have been comparatively small. The Germans had claimed 80,000 prisoners in Western Thrace, but authoritative Greek circles declare that the bulk of the Greek army in that area was safely evacuated by sea.

ONE GREEK FORCE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS BEEN CUT OFF IN THE EPIRUS MOUNTAINS AND HAS CAPITULATED.

Morea Stand

The remainder of the Greek Army is still fighting on the British left wing and there are grounds for hoping that they will continue even should the Pass of Thermopylae be overwhelmed.

The isthmus leading to Morea suggests an easily defensible position where, if adequate air protection is available, the battle could continue with ever mounting costs to the Axis.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIA PURSUIT CONTINUES

A Cairo communique on operations in Abyssinia states:—In the Ambasagi sector, our northern column is making progress while our southern column continues to press back the enemy holding strong positions covering Dessie.

In the Asosa and Gambela areas, our patrols have again gained contact with and are harassing the enemy.

In southern areas, our pursuit of the retreating enemy is continuing, while patrol activities are steadily increasing.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI TERRORISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Terrorism flared again in Shanghai yesterday as the homes of three pro-Chungking magistrates of the First Special District Court and the pro-Nanking Lien Yih Bank were bombed by different groups of desperadoes.

One watchman was injured, one terrorist was captured. The judges are now living at the Court.—International News Service.

GREEK KING AND GOVERNMENT IN CRETE

"THE CRUEL DESTINY of war to-day compels us and the Heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful Government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete from where we will be able to continue the struggle."

It is the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity, laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we have suffered from two empires," said King George of the Hellenes, in his message to the Greek people.

"Our will and that of the Greek Government and people as already affirmed in manifold fashion calls for resistance to the end of the Greek people, which despite the unequal nature of the struggle, particularly after the invasion, opposed the enemy with the support of the British forces that came to our aid and fought so brilliantly and are still fighting on Greek soil for a just cause."

"Though exhausted after six months' victorious hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continue the struggle against the German offensive with unheard of heroism."

Epirus Mystery

"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the Commander-in-Chief and the Government. This signature in nowise binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining with us to safeguard our national interests."

Continuing the Struggle

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able to freely, from Free Greek territory, continue the struggle against the invaders until the final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concluded by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, to remain faithful to the idea of one country, united and indivisible, free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."—Reuter.

Arrival Announced

King George and the Greek Government have arrived in Crete, Athens Radio announced yesterday, states Reuter from London.

NAZI SPIES ARRESTED IN CUBA

According to a report reaching London, a Nazi spy organisation has been discovered in Cuba.

A number of people have been arrested, including a man said to be an officer in the German army.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLE OVER TOBRUK

Royal Air Force fighters intercepted a large force of enemy aircraft over Tobruk on Tuesday afternoon and although greatly outnumbered shot down two Messerschmidt fighters, a Fiat fighter and a Junkers bomber.

Other enemy aircraft were badly damaged.

Continued attacks on enemy mechanised forces in Cyrenaica were made throughout Tuesday. Machine-gun attacks on German motor transport vehicles resulted in heavy casualties and much confusion to the enemy.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs were dropped on two moles and a direct hit was registered on a ship. Other shipping was also damaged.—Reuter.

QUISLING TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN NORWAY AND RUSSIA, ACCORDING TO THE QUISLING COMMISSAR OF COMMERCE, CHANESSEN, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The agreement, states the Norwegian Telegraph Agency, provides for the exchange of goods to the total value of 40,000,000 kroner.

Norway will receive supplies of corn, cake-meal, fuel-oil and cotton in exchange for industrial products.—Reuter.

CAIRO NEWS GIVES LONDON SATISFACTION

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT in a Cairo communique that the forces of the British Empire are consolidating their new defence positions in Greece has caused satisfaction in London where hazardous operations, carried out against overwhelming odds, have been followed with closest interest and some anxiety.

These forces comprise British, Australian and New Zealand troops, sent to Greece at the request of the Greek Government after Germany had occupied Bulgaria.

They were, in the words of King George of the Hellenes, in the eloquent message he has addressed from Crete to the Greek people, "rushed to our aid and fought and are still fighting gloriously on our soil for a just cause."

The course of the subsequent fighting was adversely affected by the rapidity with which the Germans succeeded in overwhelming the organised military resistance of the Yugoslavs which made it possible for the Germans to direct their main effort through the passes of the central Balkans against the flank of the Allied forces.

Nevertheless, there is nothing but admiration in London for the heroic resistance which the Yugoslav forces made under the great difficulties which the betrayal of the Serb, Croat and Slovene peoples by the Tsvetkovitch Government had created.

It is indeed, true that in those few days of gallant struggle "the honour of our flag has been saved" as King Peter declared in his message to his people before leaving to establish the seat of the country's Government beyond the control of the German armies.

Original Plan

The forces of the Empire were originally defending the northern provinces of Greece, disposed so as to support the southern flank of the Yugoslav army.

In the course of the withdrawal which afterwards became necessary, determined action by covering forces inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The front of the Empire forces never broke despite the weight of the enemy's armoured forces and his superiority in numbers.—British Wireless.

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NEARLY THOUSAND AMERICAN 'PLANES REACH R.A.F.

NEARLY 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the Royal Air Force and only one aircraft has been lost on the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords yesterday. We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It was a very big aeroplane, faster than a Stirling and carried a fine bomb load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 326 engines.

There naturally had been a delay on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy, but our disappointment thereon is dispelled by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and likely to be developed and extended and possibly we shall soon be able to fly our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Dispersal Policy

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed.

Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants on a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings, in which the Germans had claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity, have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants have been out of the bombed area altogether.

Large Reserve

Rapidly as the Royal Air Force is expanding, strengthened by the flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage shows a satisfactory position.

Of the five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent.

We are not satisfied with that and think the Royal Air Force is entitled to a reserve of 200 or 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding increasing supplies from America, our own production must continue to be of first importance.

In February, we produced more operational aircraft, bombers and fighters, than ever before.

In March we achieved another record, with two and a half times the production of last year. The March output exceeded our target programme.—Ruter.

Technical Advance

Paying a tribute to the scientists and technicians, Lord Beaverbrook spoke of Squadron Leader Gardner, who, engaged on bomb-designing, loaded his bomb on an aircraft which he flew over Emden. Here he dropped his bomb and at ten o'clock next morning was recounting his experiences in technical terms.

Speaking of engines, the Minister described those of American manufacture as "indeed most valuable and of excellent quality."

The Sabre engine, he said, was perhaps one of the greatest engines ever produced, and he continued: "We are working types that will be quite surprising in the power that can be delivered from limited size and small weight."—British Wireless.

THEY LINE UP FOR GAS MASK TEST

More gas masks are now to be seen in the buses, trains and trams in London and the provinces, and people are testing their masks or going to ARP centres to have them inspected.

Others are wearing their masks for ten minutes every day. The Premier's warning of the danger of gas attack has had good effect.

One London borough has set an example to the rest of the Metropolis. Ealing claims to have achieved an almost 100 per cent inspection of gas masks throughout the borough.

"The borough has been given the once-over," an Ealing A.R.P. official said.

Asked if the general public were willing to go into the gas chamber to ensure the efficiency

KEEP 24-HOUR FIRE WATCH--- RAID OR NO RAID

Firms must provide a fire-watch for twenty-four hours a day, whether there is an air raid in progress or not.

Sir Gervais Rentoul, magistrate at West London Police Court, gave this ruling. He said:—

"The occupier (of premises coming under the Order) has to provide a fire watcher on the premises when there are no hostile planes in the vicinity, or no air raid warning in progress.

He May Sleep

"The watcher can go to sleep. He can sit in an armchair, or he can amuse himself how he likes, providing he is on the premises and ready to spring to attention, as it were, when an air raid warning goes, or hostile planes are heard.

"It is perfectly reasonable. The whole purpose of this order is to try to prevent fires from incendiary bombs.

"Had this system been in existence six weeks ago a great deal of the City of London would have been saved."

Stating that the cases had clarified the position, the magistrate dismissed, on payment of £3.3s costs, summonses against a fire-watcher and his employer for failing to secure a fire watch at all necessary times.

of their respirators, the A.R.P. man said that hundreds had availed themselves of the opportunity.

Many Camberwell people have taken the advice of their A.R.P. wardens to wear their masks for a time every day.

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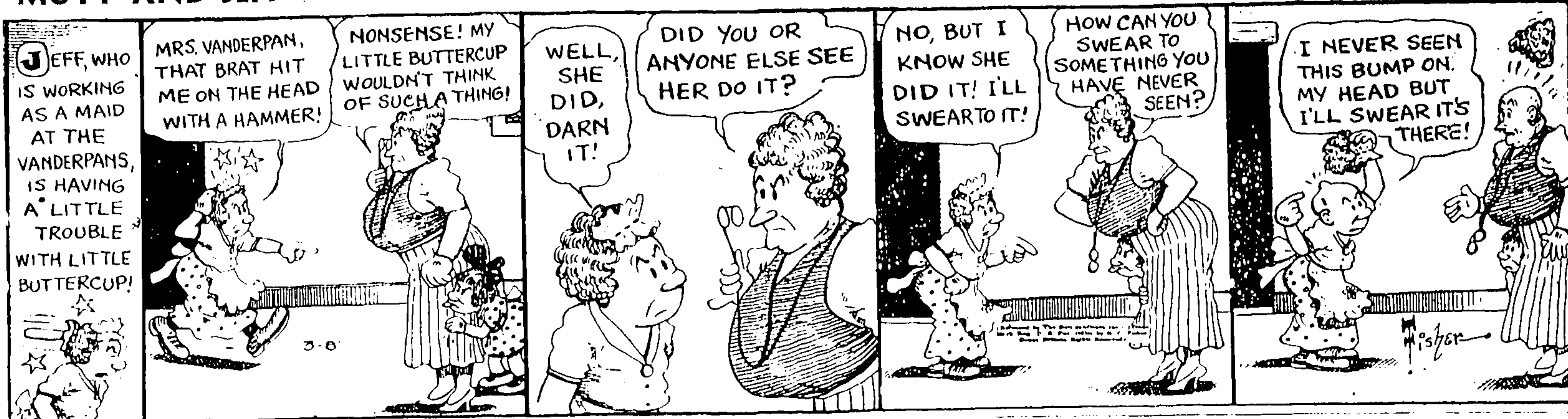
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DENNY SHUTE RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH STARK

DENNY SHUTE, former British open champion, renewed his partnership with Bill Stark of Jacksonville, in the seventh annual national amateur-professional best-ball match play championship that was played on the St. Augustine links last March 12 to 16.

Shute did not compete in this event last year. The year before Denny and Bill captured the championship by defeating Marvin Stahl of Lansing, Mich., and Melvin Herbert of Battle Creek, Mich., 5 and 4, in the finals.

Shute, who has won the P. G. A. crown twice in succession, has just resumed play. His partner Stark, on the other hand, is shooting beautiful golf these days. Bill recently won at St. Augustine the Walter J. Travis Memorial trophy, annual reward to the leader of the national championship of golf club championship. The big fellow defeated F. B. Edwards, C. E. Phillips, Charlie Whitehead, John Meyer and Dick Van Kleeck on his match to the crown.

Ideal Team

This team is ideal for a best-ball contest. Shute is only a fair

driver, but possesses a beautiful short game. He is very cool when in a tight spot, making putts when they mean the ball game. Stark pounds the ball for long distance with his tremendous strength acquired while playing tackle for the University of Florida, and can be counted upon to do his share on the long par five holes.

The tournament this year will have two defending champions, the 1940 professional champ, Horton Smith, and the 1939 champion, Denny Shute and Bill Stark, who will be together for the first time since their victory two years ago.

Others who have enrolled for the competition, carrying a purse of \$3,000, are Sam Snead, Paul Runyan, former PGA titleholder, Long-Hitting Jimmy Thomson, Craig Wood, Johnny Farrell, Vic Ghezzi and Harry Cooper.

9 DIE AT BRIDAL PARTY

Bride, bridegroom and about forty guests were celebrating in the smoke-room of a West Midlands public-house when an A.A. shell killed nine of them, and seriously injured fifteen more. The party was nearing its end and guests were singing to an accordion played by one of them.

Suddenly the shell came through the roof, crashed through the flooring, into the cellar beneath and exploded, the force of it blowing the guests in all directions.

A first-aid party of the local A.R.P. were soon at work. It was found that six had been killed outright. Three, two of whom were not identified, died in hospital.

The seriously injured include the bride, twenty-one-year-old Florence Lily Pottinger, and the bridegroom, James Sidney Jones, aged twenty-six, a scouder, both of whom are in hospital with severe wounds to the legs.

They were both making good progress last night.

The dead so far identified were Richard Pottinger, uncle of the bride; David Pottinger, her fifteen-year-old brother; Mrs. Jack Jones, sister-in-law of the bridegroom; Horace Jones, his uncle; and John Danks, Fred Whiting and Mrs. Haslam, relatives and friends of the couple.

Blown Over Table

The bride's father, Mr. William Pottinger, who was mending the lock on the door, which he wrenched off in his hurry to reach his injured wife, told a reporter:—

"I was lucky because when the shell came through the roof I was not in the room. I heard it hit the top of the inn with a terrific thud and then explode.

"I dashed to the room to find it filled with smoke and the smell of cordite."

All his family had been in the room. He has lost his fifteen-year-old son, two brothers-in-law and a brother. His daughter, his mother and wife, who had only one leg, were injured.

Mr. Jack Jones, who lost his wife and brother, said that in the explosion the lights failed and added to the difficulty of finding the dead and wounded.

He had a remarkable escape. He was sitting on a stool, with his back to the blast, and was blown over the table and fell among other members of the party.

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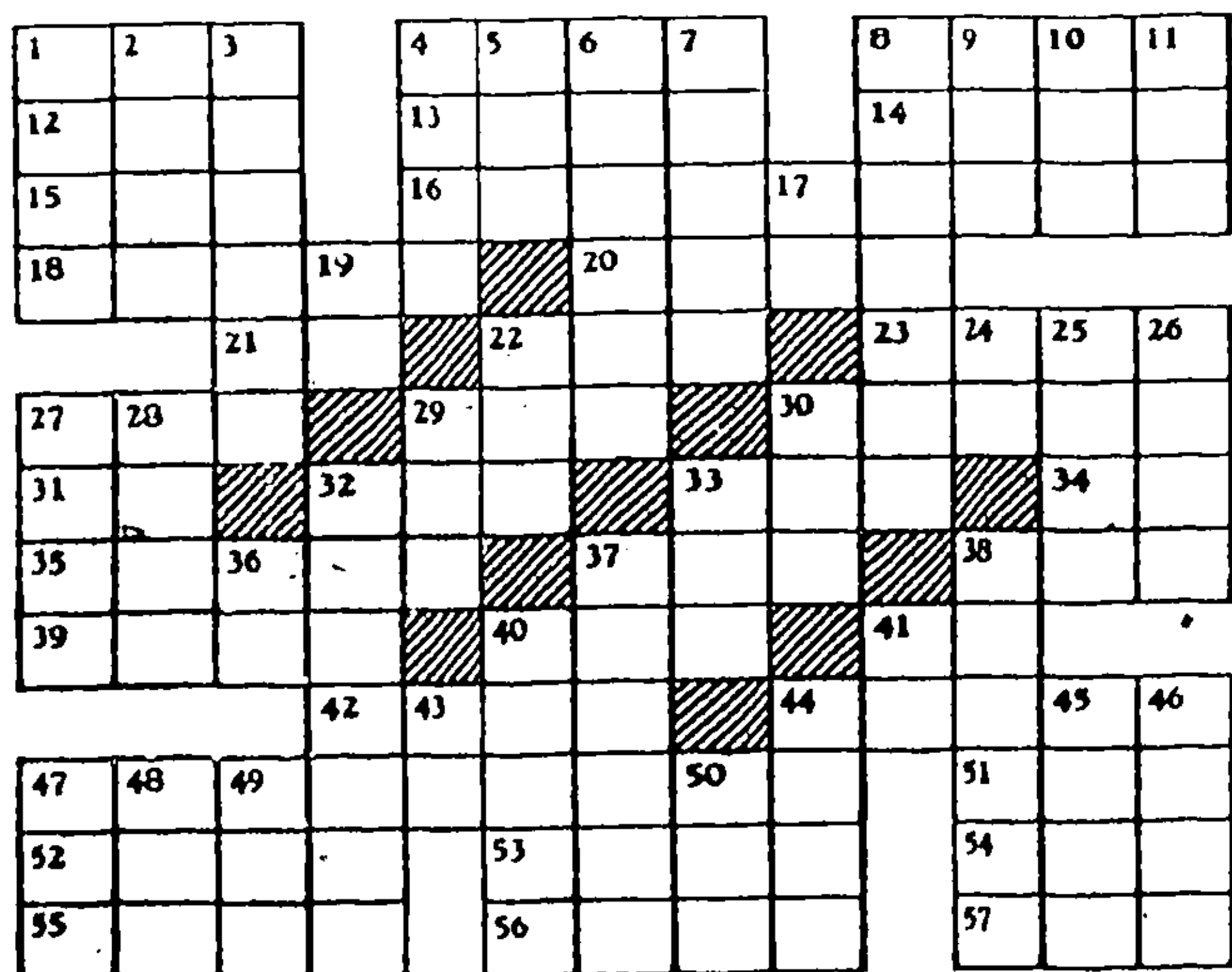
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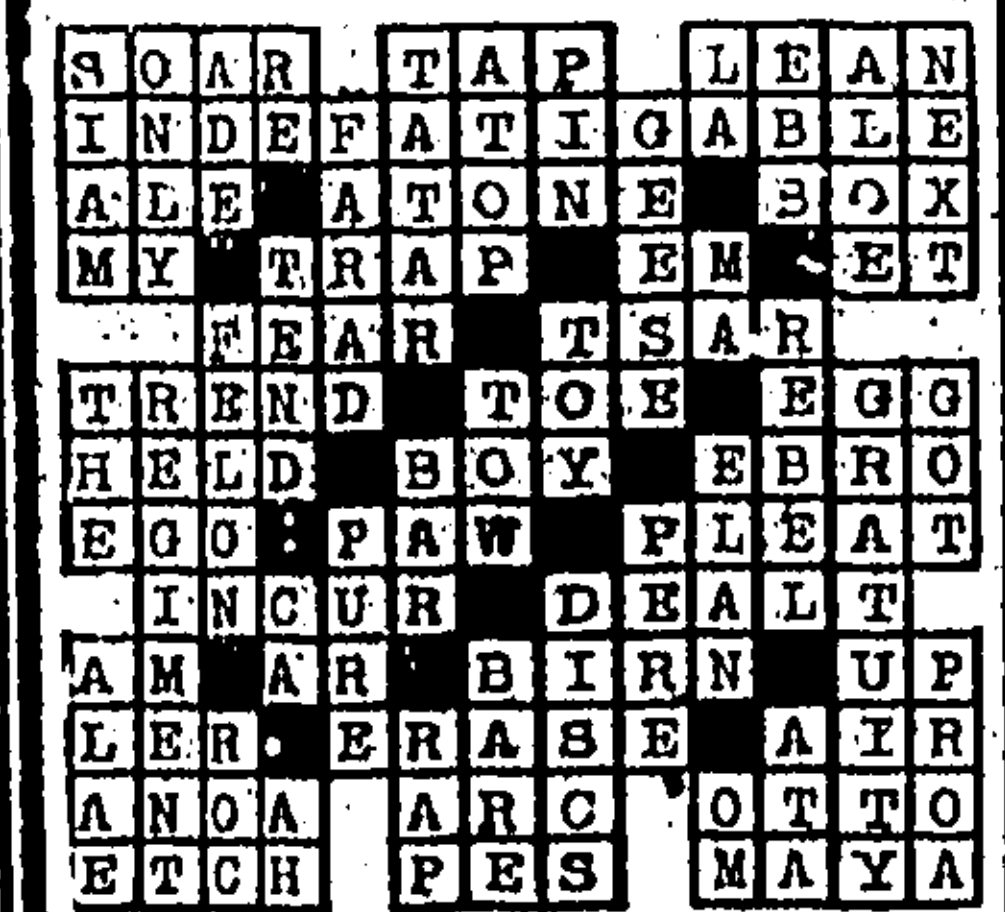


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Bulgarian coin
 - 4 Summit
 - 8 Weapon
 - 12 Humming-bird
 - 13 Hindu carpet
 - 14 This place
 - 15 Swine
 - 16 Agreeable
 - 18 Slope
 - 20 To begin
 - 21 Artificial language
 - 22 Period of time
 - 23 Ancient European country
 - 27 Manner
 - 29 Inlet
 - 30 Apart
 - 31 Symbol for gold
 - 32 Obese
 - 33 Cost
 - 34 Babylonian deity
 - 35 To commence
 - 37 Pronoun
 - 38 To hit lightly
 - 39 Affectation
 - 40 Obtained
 - 41 Land measure
 - 42 Elire
 - 44 Possessive pronoun

- 47 Former English queen
- 51 Tropical bird
- 52 Sole
- 53 Son of Isaac
- 54 Spanish hero
- 55 Destruction
- 56 Deer
- 57 Possessions

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Drinks
 - 2 Bad
 - 3 Caprice
 - 4 Treaty
 - 5 The self
 - 6 Storehouse for weapons
 - 7 Greek letter
 - 8 Oriental

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 Meadow
- 10 Vase
- 11 Wager
- 17 French article
- 19 Negative
- 22 To consume
- 24 Chinese measure
- 25 Mental image
- 26 Chair
- 27 Stinging insect
- 28 Motor vehicle
- 29 Flying mammal
- 30 Roman bronze
- 32 Turns into ice
- 33 Suitable
- 36 While
- 37 Upright
- 38 To proclaim the gospel
- 40 Taunts
- 41 Exclamation of approval
- 43 Sun god
- 44 Gangster
- 45 Fresh-water porpoise
- 46 Frees
- 47 Cloth measure
- 48 Card game
- 49 Nooks
- 50 Japanese pagoda



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AS AN INDICATION of Germany's difficulty in subjugating a democracy even after the Nazi forces have defeated it on the field of battle, a report of the first year of Norway's existence under Hitler is made public in a sixty-four page pamphlet sponsored by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, who was United States Minister to Norway when Germany attacked on April 9, 1940.

The author of the pamphlet is anonymous for the reason that he is still working against Germany inside Norway.

HUMBLE MAN

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All his "somewhat humble" life he saved. At times he was able to put away considerable sums. When he died last July he was worth £18,000.

He left nearly all his money to his third wife and gave each of his four children a legacy of £100. A daughter—a thirty-year-old, £5 a week school teacher—thought he had failed to make "reasonable provision for her maintenance."

She applied to Mr. Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division, London.

He directed the executor to invest £2,000 and pay the income to her as long as she remained unmarried.

The woman was Miss Marjorie Clara Hackwood Worrall, of Belvidere Road, Princes Park, Liverpool.

Mr. Justice Farwell said Miss Worrall had a good education, partly due to her own efforts and partly to the help she got from her father, Harry Hackwood Worrall, and her step-mother.

Her means of maintaining herself in future were dependent on her own exertions, and there was nothing to suggest that she had forfeited any moral right to expect that reasonable provision would be made for her.

The report is vouched for by Mrs. Harriman, however, in a foreword that says "it gives us a foretaste of the flame of revolt burning in Norwegian hearts, of the brave and open acts of rebellion against the foreign tyrant, and the heroic sabotage which is practiced by all types and classes of Norwegians according to their various abilities."

In consequence, the report declares, Germany is forced to maintain an army of 250,000 soldiers in Norway, a ratio of one soldier to every ten Norwegians, and in addition the Nazi Gestapo in Norway has been augmented to 10,000, a ratio of one of these secret police to every 250 of population.

Police Stripped Of Power

Recording facts that the Nazi censors in Norway have kept from general attention outside, the report says the Norwegian police have been stripped of all power except traffic regulation, and the Nazi Youth Troopers and Norwegian Nazis or Quislings have received all other police power.

By proclamation early in January, "the Norwegian Fascists have free licence to attack all those who disagree with them politically except women and children; Norwegian police are not allowed to interfere against the Nazis; if they wish to defend persons attacked by the Nazis they do so under threats of the most severe punishment," it is reported.

The report, entitled "Norway Does Not Yield," is published by the American Friends of German Freedom, 342 Madison Avenue, of which the chairman is Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary. Other sponsors are Louis Adamic, Christian Gauss, Quincy Howe, Paul Kellogg, Frank Kingdon, Max Lerner, Thomas Mann, William Allen Neilson and Vincent Sheean.

The report offers in detail the spectacle that it describes as "the inner strength of democracy . . . fighting on without weapons." It recounts the Norwegian reaction to the Nazi efforts at conciliation after the military defeat of Norway, including an "invasion etiquette" for the Nazi army of occupation, such as "give few orders, avoid a show of temper, avoid political discussions."

Quisling Put In Power

When, after five months of occupation and three months of negotiation, the Norwegians refused to depose their King and legalise a puppet government that would then proceed to the Nazification of Norway they were declared a German protectorate against their will last September and ordered to submit to Vidkun Quisling as Norwegian Fuehrer.

Since then the resistance, both passive and aggressive, has grown, according to the report. When Quisling attempted a lecture tour Norwegians met him in city after city with placards calling him a traitor; they refused to enter his lecture hall and beat his attendant Norwegian Nazi troopers, it is declared.

In schools, the report adds, teachers refused to teach the Nazi doctrine and pupils booed the few teachers who did attempt it. The church refused to be silenced, the pamphlet asserts, and continued in defiance of Quisling's orders to pray publicly for King Haakon, who runs the great Norwegian merchant fleet from

KEEP ARMY SECRETS FROM HOTEL REGISTERS

The Army Council have issued instructions on the manner in which Army officers visiting hotels must sign the visitors' books.

Only the minimum information necessary can be given, without disclosing the officer's precise unit or its whereabouts.

Hitherto, many officers have given details of the place where they are normally stationed.

FREUD'S GIRL CARRIES ON

Professor Sigmund Freud, the famous Vienna Psychologist who was persecuted by the Nazis, is now fighting them from his grave!

Despite the world pre-eminence which he enjoyed in his branch of science, the fact that he was a Jew and that he refused to acknowledge the almightiness of the Nazis marked him out as a special victim of their cruelty.

He died in London a year or so ago, earlier than would have been the case but for the suffering he endured at their hands.

But now his daughter, to whom he handed on much of the knowledge that he gained in his Vienna laboratory and consulting-room, has set up a clinic in London where she is employing that knowledge in order to cure British mothers and babies who have been bomb-shocked by Nazi raiders.

Although the Huns helped to kill him, his carefully collected and indexed knowledge is now helping to frustrate the policy of frightfulness that they have let loose on Britain.

Anna Freud, who assisted her father in much of his work in Vienna in the later years of his life, and who is recognised in scientific circles as the direct successor to him in his line of research, is supervising this clinic at Hampstead which has been set up by the London County Council.

London mothers and babies, victims of bomb shock, are its patients. It has a doctor in attendance night and day, and a staff of trained nurses.

Treatment is free, and the mothers and babies are kept at the clinic till they are cured. All of them are under the direct supervision of Miss Freud.

London for the benefit of the Allies.

The local Norwegian press wrote around and through censorship regulations, it adds, and during storms the railroad and the power lines used by the Nazi forces were cut.

In consequence a concentration camp established at the former Ulven military training camp, outside Bergen, has already become notorious, according to the pamphlet. The Nazis have also taken over a large brewery in Oslo and converted it into a concentration camp modeled after Dachau, in Germany. In January, the report declares, this camp also was filled to capacity with "unsatisfactory Norwegians."

SPIES TAP NAZI CODE

Britain's radio spies are at work every night. During the day they work in factories, shops and offices. Colleagues wonder why they never go to cinemas or dances.

But questions are parried with a smile—and silence. Their job isn't one to be talked about. Home from work, a quick meal, and the hush-hush men unlock the door of a room usually at the top of the house. There, until the small hours, they sit, head-phones on ears, taking down the Morse code messages which fill the air.

To the layman these would be just a meaningless jumble of letters.

But in the hands of code experts they might produce a message of vital importance to our Intelligence Service.

No pay is given to the men who tap the air for these messages.

Their Reward

They are drawn from the radio enthusiasts who operated their own short-wave transmitters before the war.

"We are glad to serve the country in this way," one of them said.

"Naturally we have no idea of the codes used by German agents."

"But it is a great thrill to feel you might be getting down a message which, decoded, might be of supreme importance."

CHINA MAIL
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HITLER'S LAST THROW

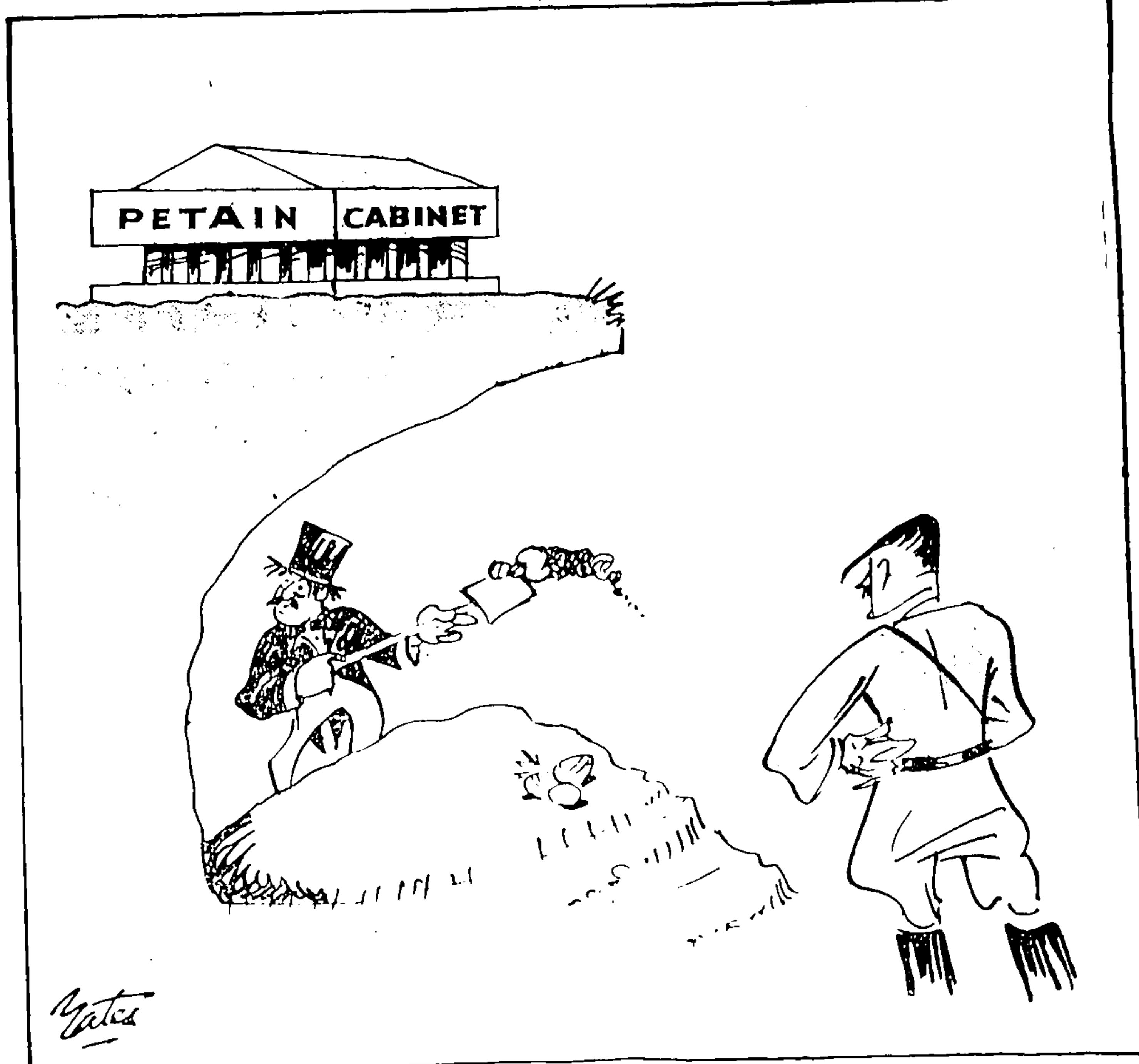
Hitler is making a determined attempt to regain the initiative in this war. He held it until last autumn but lost it when his air attacks failed to clear the way for his invasion of Britain. He tried to regain it by using Laval to hand over to him the French fleet and French bases in North Africa. This attempt also failed when Marshal Petain dismissed Laval and refused to go beyond the terms of the Franco-German armistice.

It is significant, therefore, that his operations in the Balkans should be accompanied by increasing pressure upon France and Spain to cooperate more actively with the Axis. For it means that his present preoccupations in the South-East of Europe do not mean, inevitably, plans for further aggression in an easterly direction. They may very well mean that the Fuehrer has not lost sight of the main sphere of strategy, the only sphere in which final and decisive victory can be achieved.

As yet the question remains unanswered whether the Balkan campaign and the drive in Cyrenaica, now effectively halted, have been undertaken by Hitler merely as a diversion, undertaken for reasons of prestige, or whether the move, with its potential threat to the Near East, through Turkey, and Suez, through Egypt, is intended to pin down British sea and air forces in Africa while he attempts to strike a decisive blow at Britain.

The answer to this question may depend upon the degree in which Hitler fears the increasing help given by the United States to the British cause, and his estimate of the time likely to elapse before that aid can be put to forceful practical use.

He cannot wait indefinitely; and he knows as well as President Roosevelt, who justly chides those who swing from the pinnacles of hope to the depths of despair on the basis of day to day developments, that his time is running short. He knows, as Mr. Churchill knows, that he is engaged to-day on the preliminary phases of a gigantic effort



DOING THE DIRTY WORK

Historical Background To The Crisis

The ancient world was created and moulded within the limits of the Mediterranean Sea, which was at the same time the cradle of our civilisation.

Mussolini scheming in Rome and striking against Greece and Egypt no doubt had in mind the seizure of Greece by ancient Rome in the second century B.C., and of Egypt in the time of Augustus. The phenomena reappear although the circumstances change.

The subjugation of Greece is an antiquated idea, for in the present-day world the principle of the freedom of nations and States is a leading concept, and the Mediterranean Power with its foot in North Africa is not Italy, who to-day is losing all that she had acquired over several decades, but Great Britain, who for centuries has been foremost in building up a modern world Empire.

In the mediaeval world the creation of the State of Charlemagne, which stretched from the Atlantic to the Slavonic settlements, was an event of great importance.

Adolf Hitler's National Socialism has diligently fastened on to the memories of the Carolingian State, which it arbitrarily calls Germanic, and present-day Germany revives these memories in justification of her claim to rule all Europe, from France to Poland.

In the time of Charlemagne was born the idea of the so-called

to win this war in six months—or accept defeat. It is our hope that, whatever reverses come our way, and we must expect them, we can withstand successfully whatever he may do. And then, by swinging the initiative, to impose our will upon him as we imposed it upon Mussolini in Africa.

Holy Roman Empire under German leadership, which for three hundred years—from Otto the Great in the middle of the 10th century to Frederick II in the middle of the 13th century—succeeded in imposing itself on Europe. With it went two strong German claims, namely Germany's leadership in Europe and her right to rule in Italy. The National Socialism of Adolf Hitler has taken up both these claims.

Peculiar Legend

The insistence upon German leadership in Europe and in the world generally was incorporated in the bases of National Socialism.

By

Stanislaw Stronski,
Polish Minister of Information

To this end the peculiar legend of the leading Nordic race and the nation of rulers has been worked up. This idea of the "Herrenvolk," ordained to govern other nations, is applied by Germany to-day in the countries occupied by her invading hordes with incredible arrogance, compared with which the pride of the Holy Roman Emperors seems moderate.

In the Middle Ages German leadership in Europe based itself on ruling in Italy and in Rome. There was in this, besides a superficial attachment to the Classic Age, also an understandable tendency to regard the Mediterranean as the key to the basis of world dominion. So Otto I delighted in residence under Italian skies and Frederick II chose Sicily as his permanent place of residence.

This recurring feature in German history is now being repeated once more in Adolf Hitler's struggle for German leadership and German rule in Europe, even more clearly and effectively than in the time of the mediaeval Holy Roman Empire. The German Reich is now laying hands on Italy. She is doing so in a very friendly way. But Otto also entered Italy as a friend and defender. However, to-day it is all happening at a much faster tempo, for in any case some 250 years passed from

Otto's solemn and occasional visits to Italy to Frederick II's permanent residence in Sicily, whereas the Germans are already in Italy, and you know well what it means when Germany begins to expand.

Gazed Too Long

Mussolini has gazed too long at the Classical period of Roman history and has forgotten the lessons of the mediaeval age. The ancient Roman Empire was the work of the free Roman Nation from century to century, just as the present-day British Empire is the work, from century to century, of the free British Nation. Empires are not created in the course of activities by either Black or Brown shirts, nor by slavery and pillage, which are the distinguishing features of the two dictators' efforts to create Empires, but are created rather by the spiritual force of a free nation, bearing in itself the greatest elasticity of civilisation at the time. So Mussolini has not, after all, resurrected the ancient Roman Empire, but has lived to see the mediaeval rule of Germany in Italy.

Napoleon's Lesson

A modern phenomenon of which one is reminded to-day is Napoleon's conquest of Europe from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, and from the Atlantic to the bounds of Russia. In those days of universal autocracy oppressing all nations, Napoleon brought with him an undoubted breath of liberation. None the less, the idea of the autocratic rule of one nation over all others was alien and intolerable to millions of people.

But it must be remembered that, unlike Napoleon, Hitler brings with him only fetters and famine.

If this edifice of slavery begins to crack, the entire system of slavery will collapse. Another great lesson of the Napoleonic era is that in those days Great Britain, entirely alone, outlasted the autocratic rule of Europe, and lived to see her cause victorious.

Towards that victory she is moving again to-day with powerful strides, with the mighty impulse of sea billows, the mighty beat of her air force wings, the mighty spirit of the nation.

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IN THE ATLANTIC ABOARD AN OLD U.S. DESTROYER

(At Sea With the British Navy, April 3.)

WE WERE IN ACTION for the first time to-day against a visible enemy.

A Focke-Wulf aeroplane traipsed about the convoy about mid-day having a "look-see." Then, just when it seemed as if the pilot had finished his reconnaissance job and was off home to report, he swung suddenly toward the mass of shipping and came flying straight at us.

I was on the bridge of the Wickes beside the commander and his watchkeepers. All were wearing tin hats and oilskins. Men not serving the anti-aircraft guns or in key positions had been advised to take cover.

"Close up the guns," ordered the commander, through the speaking tube. Men came tumbling on deck from below to take post. Always during escort duties, the guns are manned with a skeleton crew. At the command "Close up," the specialists, gun layers, range finders and the gunnery officers take post.

Anti-Aircraft Fire

The timing was perfect. As the aircraft came into our sights, the sky blackened with puffs of "Archie." The Nazi bomber dived lower to get a better view of his target, flying directly toward our stern. Our rear gun engaged him as he came at us.

His silhouette had grown from the size of a bat to that of a great vulture spreading black, obscene wings across our vision. It was the moment when some gunners would have ceased fire, as if hypnotised, and dived for cover. Not so, ours. As he came closer, they took deliberate aim. We saw the red trail of tracer race at him and shells burst angrily about him.

He wobbled in his course, dived lower and turned obliquely away from us. Straight as an arrow he sped toward the middle of the convoy, firing his machine-guns filled with incendiary bullets toward their naked decks.

Then happened one of those acts of providence that come between man and death. A sudden squall filled the air with hail. It battered into our eyes so that we scarcely could see; it drove across the convoy so that it was wrapped in haze. It must have baffled the Focke also, for we saw his plane wobble, steady itself to avoid hitting the masts of a freighter, and bombs fell harmlessly into the sea. One—two—three—four—the stern gunners counted the explosions. "Sounded like depth charges."

One Was Bagged

The Focke rose again unsteadily. He may have been hit somewhere in the attack for he made no effort to return. Instead, when he had risen to 2,000 feet beyond the ships, he turned and circled them again at a distance while he gained height. Then, when well to the port of us, he turned into the sun and headed for home in the South of France. We were left unmolested for the rest of the day.

Such attacks are being made with increasing frequency on British convoys. Since Hitler has occupied Europe from the Fjords to the Pyrenees, his bombers have been brought closer to the Atlantic. Cooperating with submarines, they go to make up for the lack of surface ships to meet the constant vigil of the British Navy. Without crossing British soil, they can fly north of Scotland or South of Ireland into the Atlantic and there attack shipping as it approaches the British Isles.

Such raiders have a lot of luck. But not all of them escape so luckily as did the one that attacked us to-day. Every one was cheered this evening when it was announced over the air that another British destroyer, H.M.S. Holderness, had shot down a Junkers 88.

The one-time U.S.S. Wickes is hoping that very soon she may be able to report the same.

To-day's fighting brought us one casualty. He was the man who fired the gun that nearly

brought down the Nazi. A wave dashed over the ship as he was firing again. He was swept against the breech and the recoil hit him full in the spleen. He died soon afterward. I am writing this dispatch on the ward room table where he was carried to receive first aid.

Our casualty was a seaman gunlayer who had been through the hell of Dunkirk. Sent with a naval demolition party to Holland in May, 1940, he was serving his gun one day when his ship was attacked by fourteen Junkers dive-bombers which dropped bombs all around her and swept her decks with machine-gun bullets and cannon shells. He saw six of his comrades blasted to death in the action and the quarter deck, bridge and flag decks strewn with wounded. Aboard the Wickes he had promised himself to avenge their deaths. A grim fate gave him his chance and snatched him away when he missed his target. We buried him at sea with naval honours. Not all the shots that watchers on land sometimes hear at sea are caused by sea fights. A volley was fired at this naval funeral.

In A Mine-Field

Before the bomber's attack we had been firing at floating mines that had broken from their moorings and were bobbing about in the sea like so many corks.

When you shoot you cannot get too near lest they go off and blow a hole in your side. And at a range of 700 to 1,000 yards they are extremely difficult targets. To that I can testify, having had a shot at one myself with a service rifle. But the naval gunners manage to sink them or blow them up. While the convoy altered its course to avoid them, the gunnery officer, a Canadian from Windsor, Ont., exercised his art upon them with range finder and tracer bullet. And it was soon obvious that a mine does not explode just because a bullet hits it. Unless your bullet hits it in a tender spot, you will have the mortification of seeing a ricochet. The tough casing of the mine sends the bullet soaring skyward with a weird whine like the screech of a seagull.

"Mine ahead on the starboard bow," sang out the lookout.

"Another one to port," shouted the port watch.

We had barely rid ourselves of the first batch when we were into the second.

It was then about three bells in the First Dog. The officer of the watch checked the observations. His mouth to the speaking tube, he reported to the commanding officer who had retired to the ward room for his tea. On deck again in a moment, the commander ordered the signalman to run up the flags denoting the proximity of the minefield. Action stations were piped. Our signal was picked up by the commodore of the convoy and repeated. Passed from ship to ship, we saw the line of vessels execute an emergency turn. The Wickes faced the minefield alone.

Normally, the job of dealing with mines is done by mine-sweepers. But though it has been estimated that those operating on British coasts and harbours have already swept lanes equal in length to several times round the earth, there is always a possibility that one or two may escape their vigilance.

But the destroyers escorting the convoys are prepared for anything. With the unceasing watchfulness that characterises the British Navy, they deal with them in quick time. The Wickes got rid of these to-day as quickly as she got rid of the Focke-Wulf.

HOW HITLER GOT INFORMATION

The German embassy in Athens was permitted to remain open right up to the sudden Nazi declaration of war with Greece, thus furnishing the German High Command with the exact number of British troops and supplies landed there, John MacVane, the National Broadcasting Company's representative in London, reported in a broadcast.

Mr. MacVane said that not only was Hitler supplied with detailed information concerning British contributions to the Greek Army but also he was given the exact location of English troop placements.

CHILDREN IN SEA ESCAPE

Over 1,000 men, women and children were aboard the Cunard-White Star liner Georgic which was saved from destruction in the Atlantic by an R.A.F. flying-boat which sank a U-boat.

The story of the escape of the liner which carried a cargo of gold in addition to 587 passengers from England and a crew of 149, was told by passengers on their arrival in New York.

Thomas Harris said: "I was in a dining saloon when one du'l thud was followed by another. We rushed on deck just in time to see a British plane rolling as a sign of victory."

Submarine Followed

"A submarine following us was apparently spotted by an aircraft. A destroyer escorting our convoy also dropped depth charges."

The 27,759-ton liner caused a sensation when she steamed into New York, as nothing had been heard about her for many months.

Many believed she had been destroyed in the Narvik battle. Members of the crew disclosed that since the Georgic was last in New York she had made two trips to Iceland to help to protect the island when a Nazi invasion was expected.

Twice she hit mines, but escaped undamaged. Many times she fought off air attacks.

Then she was sent to Cape Town and later to the Mediterranean.

KILLED FOR BRUSH UP

Jack Meanes, aged forty, of Miami Beach, Florida, has been murdered for committing the unpardonable act of using another's toothbrush.

The killer was Meanes's one-time friend, Stanley Sykes, aged thirty-five.

Breaking down and confessing to murder, Sykes told detectives: "Jack had been borrowing my toothbrush for over a year. I couldn't stand it any longer. He also used my razor and comb."

The two men were fellow lodgers. Detectives say they never had a quarrel until Sykes, unnerved by Meanes's continuous borrowing of toilet articles, flew into an ungovernable passion.

Coast Guard Vessels To Fight Submarines

THE WHITE HOUSE revealed a fortnight ago steps to transfer ten Coast Guard cutters to the British Navy for use in the Atlantic.

The sturdy cutters, of about the same tonnage as destroyers but not as heavily armed or as fast, are expected to be of considerable value to Britain in combating Nazi submarine activities.

The transfer of the vessels is expected in Washington to be only one of a series of moves designed to protect American armaments and food-stuffs shipped to Britain.

The possible use of American naval vessels in escorting convoys was believed to have been forecast in a speech by Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, while the visit to England of Jane V. Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy, is widely believed to be connected with this problem of protecting cargoes en route through dangerous waters.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, said that the actual transfer of the cutters would be effected in a manner similar to that by which fifty American destroyers were delivered to Britain following the ship-barge arrangement of last August. The destroyers were taken to Canadian ports by American seamen and there manned by British crews.

Although the Coast Guard has eighty-six seagoing cutters, only ten meet Mr. Early's description. These are the 250-foot vessels of the "Lake" class, exceeded in size and seaworthiness only by seven larger cutters built since 1932. The ten vessels of the "Lake" class are the Cayuga, Haca, Sebago, Saranac, Shoshone, Chelan, Champlain, Mendota, Pontchartrain and Tahoe.

"Lake" Class

Although Mr. Early said that the armament of the cutters transferred to Britain was negligible and that he doubted that any additional armament would be provided, Navy Department records showed that vessels of the Lake class carry formidable armament in their normal complement. The Cayuga, for instance, carries two 5-inch guns and two 6-pounders in her normal complement, and other vessels in this class would be similarly equipped.

The craft could easily be equipped by the British with depth-charge racks, it was said. They have a speed of about sixteen knots and thus are faster than Nazi submarines.

The vessels were said by officials to-day to be widely scattered, and this probably will force their delivery in groups. Government circles made it clear that they would be turned over to the British as rapidly as possible.

One In The Pacific

At least one of the cutters was reported to be in the Pacific; the Chelan was officially stated a few days ago to be preparing to go out on annual ice patrol in the North Atlantic, and the Shoshone, which had been in the Pacific, put into an East Coast port recently for overhauling.

Coast Guard vessels are controlled by the Treasury Department in time of peace but automatically become part of the Navy in time of war. For this reason, they are built along naval lines, making easy the installation of additional armament.

In addition to the large ships, known as cutters, the Coast Guard has numerous "patrol" and special service vessels.

Some days ago it was reported that American mosquito boats also were to be transferred, and, without confirmation, it since has been reported that the transfer actually has taken place. The U. S. government has been following a policy of not releasing such information until safe delivery is made on the other side of the Atlantic. While London reports, which passed the British censorship, made possible formal announcement at the White House of the intention to transfer the cutters, the British Government has not as yet mentioned motor torpedo boats.

President Roosevelt is authorized by the Lend-Lease law to transfer up to \$1,300,000,000 worth of existing American war supplies to nations fighting Germany and her Axis Allies. He said last week that transfer of \$500,000,000 worth of such materials had been authorized.

16-Knot Speed

Most of the ten Coast Guard cutters which the White House revealed would go to England are of the 250-foot Itasca class. They are ships of 1,975 displacement tons and are designed for speeds of sixteen knots.

The cutters of the Itasca class are powered by turbo-electric engines and have a cruising radius of 8,000 miles. There are two 5-inch guns and two 6-pounders on each of the Itasca cutters, with the exception of the Pontchartrain, which has only two 6-pounders.

The ships of the Itasca class and the Coast Guard stations from where they normally operate are the Cayuga at Boston, Mass.; the Itasca at San Diego, Calif.; the Sebago at Norfolk, Va.; the Saranac at Galveston, Texas; the Shoshone at Oakland, Calif.; the Chelan at Boston, Mass.; the Champlain at Stapleton, N. Y.; the Mendota at Norfolk, Va.; the Pontchartrain at Stapleton, N. Y.; and the Tahoe at New Bedford, Mass.

STORY OF A STOLEN COLLIE

The Hong Kong Society of the S.P.C.A. has recently been instrumental in finding in Hong Kong and returning to Shanghai a valuable Scotch collie named "Rex" which the Shanghai Society had reported as having been stolen in Shanghai and taken to Hong Kong.

The Secretary of the Shanghai Society in a letter received two days ago, writes as follows regarding the reception of the collie in Shanghai.

"On Easter Sunday the owner of 'Rex,' Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, wife of Cav. Uff. Raffaele Ferrajolo, of the Italian Embassy, our Inspector and myself met the ship and took delivery of 'Rex.' When the ship was coming alongside her berth at the Roosevelt Terminal we heard a loud bark. Before we saw the dog, who was being led by a foreign lady passenger on the boat deck, Mrs. Ferrajolo said: 'That is Rex's bark.' He recognised his mistress before she saw him. When the ship was moored, we went on board and the affection shown for each other by mistress and dog compensated for all the trouble in bringing them together again."

GO RIGHT ON TO BERLIN—M.P.

"I hope that this time we shall go right on to Berlin — that the Allied armies would be seen in the principal towns of Germany so that the Germans will not be able to say they were not really defeated in the war," said Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton, E.), in the Commons. He hoped any peace terms ultimately signed would be signed by all elements in Germany, to prevent any section saying they had no responsibility.

There should be no negotiations with the present gangsters and liars in power in Italy and Germany. It would only mean a fresh war later, but there would be opportunities in any negotiations for a form of internal self-government for the German and Italian peoples.

AIR FORCE KEY MAN INJURED

One of Lord Beaverbrook's "back room boys" — the trio who, in virtual obscurity devise the Royal Air Force's implements of aggression — has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.

This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords yesterday, reviewing the Royal Air Force expansion.

The man is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23 last described as a designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs, and beautiful bombs."

DURING THE FIERCE BLITZ AGAINST LONDON ON APRIL 16, COMMODORE HUSKINSON LEFT A SHELTER AND STOOD WATCHING THE EFFECTS OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS.

Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry." — Reuter.

MATSUOKA TOUR QUESTIONS

Mr. Matsuoka did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, during question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr. Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

Commander Mower (Conservative): "Is Mr. Eden satisfied that Mr. Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?"

Mr. Eden: "I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other States. I feel sure the Japanese Ambassador does his task." — Reuter.

PRISON CAMP COMPLAINT

A charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany are living in an old cellar with no plumbing, sanitation or daylight, was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr. R. K. Law, stated that information had been received about unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything possible was being done through a protecting Power and there was no further means of bringing pressure on an unscrupulous foe. — Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 21st April, 1941.

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JOHN V. BRAGA
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Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941



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BRIDGE NOTES

THE COURAGE OF ONE'S CONVICTIONS

By The Four Aces

It's all very well to understand what's going on when you play bridge, but there are also times when it's necessary to stand by your opinions even at considerable risk. For example:

South, Dealer
North South vulnerable
North South 40 part score

♠ Q 3 8 5 4
♥ Q 4
♦ A K
♣ K 7 6 3
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W E S
S
♠ A J 7
♥ K 7
♦ Q J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 4

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

The bidding was rather good, for the Slam contract was pretty logical and not especially easy to reach. When East doubled, South almost redoubled for he knew that East was asking for a spade lead in the mistaken belief that he was behind the top spades. And South's impression of the reason for the double was confirmed when West led a heart, for East's face showed unmistakable disappointment.

Keeping these convictions in mind, South put up dummy's heart Queen, and East won with the Ace of hearts. The return of the deuce of hearts went to South's King, and then South began to falter. He was practically certain that East held the King and ten of spades, but suppose he were wrong? A losing spade finesse would let West in to run a "million" hearts, and after all South was vulnerable and doubled.

So South decided to run his diamonds first, and that decision cost him the Slam. After he had run the diamonds and the three top clubs, he led the spade Queen from the dummy and captured the King with his Ace. But when West failed to follow suit, there was no longer an entry to dummy for another spade finesse. If South had played spades earlier, in accordance with his convictions, he could have taken a second finesse to make his Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ 10 4 3
♦ K J 9 8
♣ A 8

The bidding:
Jacoby 1♠ Schenken 2♥ Miler Pass You (7)

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Your partner must have a strong five-card heart suit and a good hand to bid vulnerable at the level of two. Your hand should contribute enough tricks to make game fairly easy.

Score 100% for four hearts, 50% for three hearts, 40% for two no-trump.

Question No. 698

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby 1♠ Schenken Pass You (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OLD CONCEPT OF LIFE-SPAN MAY GO

SINCE THE LIFE SPAN of man passed from the realm of undiluted statistics to the province of scientific probing, investigation along similar lines has been going on concerning the longevity of animals.

By studying factors that influence the life span of one-celled animalcules and the known longevity of the elephant, researchers hope finally to overtake the problems associated with the ageing of man.

So far as the laboratory is concerned, already simple types of animals have achieved immortality, although they have, of course, eluded accidental death and disease. Species of the animalcule maintain an indefinite vitality, although it loses its individuality by multiplying frequently. In man, too, certain cells never age, and human tissue can be kept cultured in glassware.

140 to 200 years. Nearer to human life is that of the birds and mammals. High body temperature and a warm, steady internal environment lead to brain development, but because of their peculiar anatomy and lesser development of the nervous system, birds are unable to realise the full potentialities of warmth.

Although energy expenditure is high, centenarians among birds are not unknown, and include the vulture. Crows may outlive the elephant and whale, while some parrots have been returned at the grand old age of seventy

The difference in life span between a mouse and an elephant is almost as marked as their difference in size. Because of its smallness, the mouse loses heat more rapidly and therefore expends energy at a higher rate to keep the body temperature. Its heart beat is twenty or thirty times faster than the elephant. Recent experiments on the white rat have revealed that the extension of the life span can be secured by a slow approach to maturity, done by controlling the daily consumption of calories.

Reported Dr. Clive M. McCay, of Cornell University, "Our philosophy need no longer anchor us to the concept of a fixed life span."

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Lizard Life

The giant salamander often reaches the half century. There is great diversity in the potential longevity of reptiles. Some lizards survive only a decade or so, others have life spans which exceed this period three or four times. Crocodiles are semi-centenarians, but alligators, who are not so tough, have a much shorter life.

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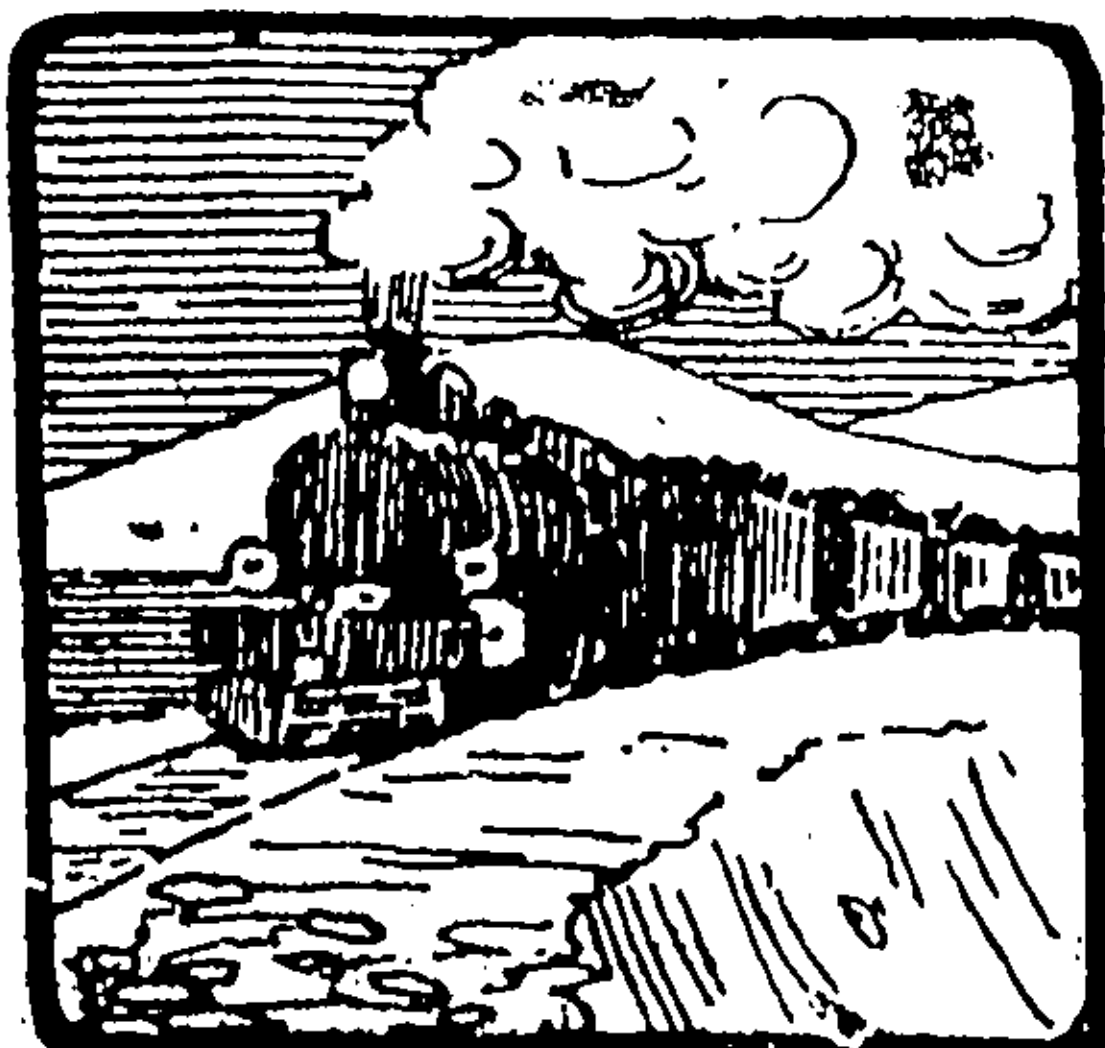
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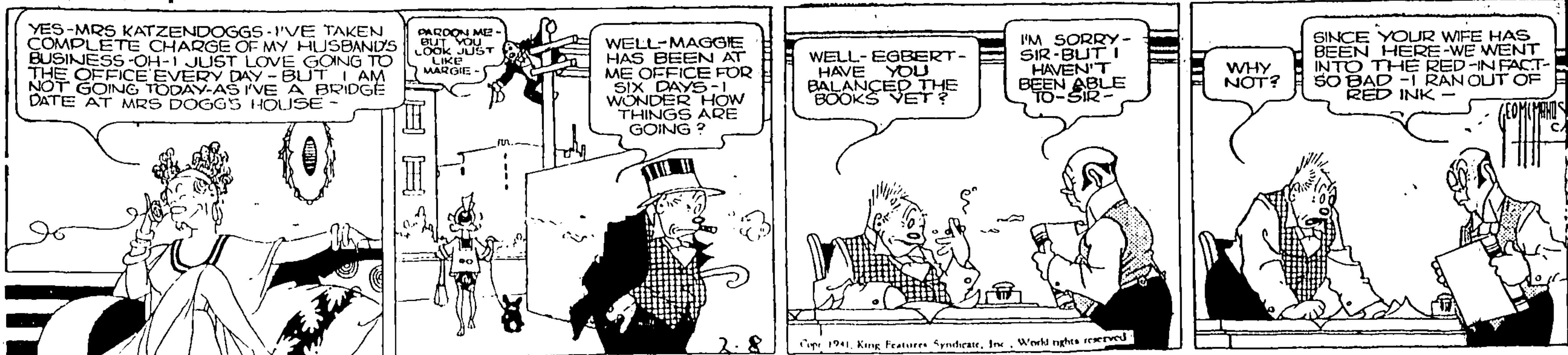
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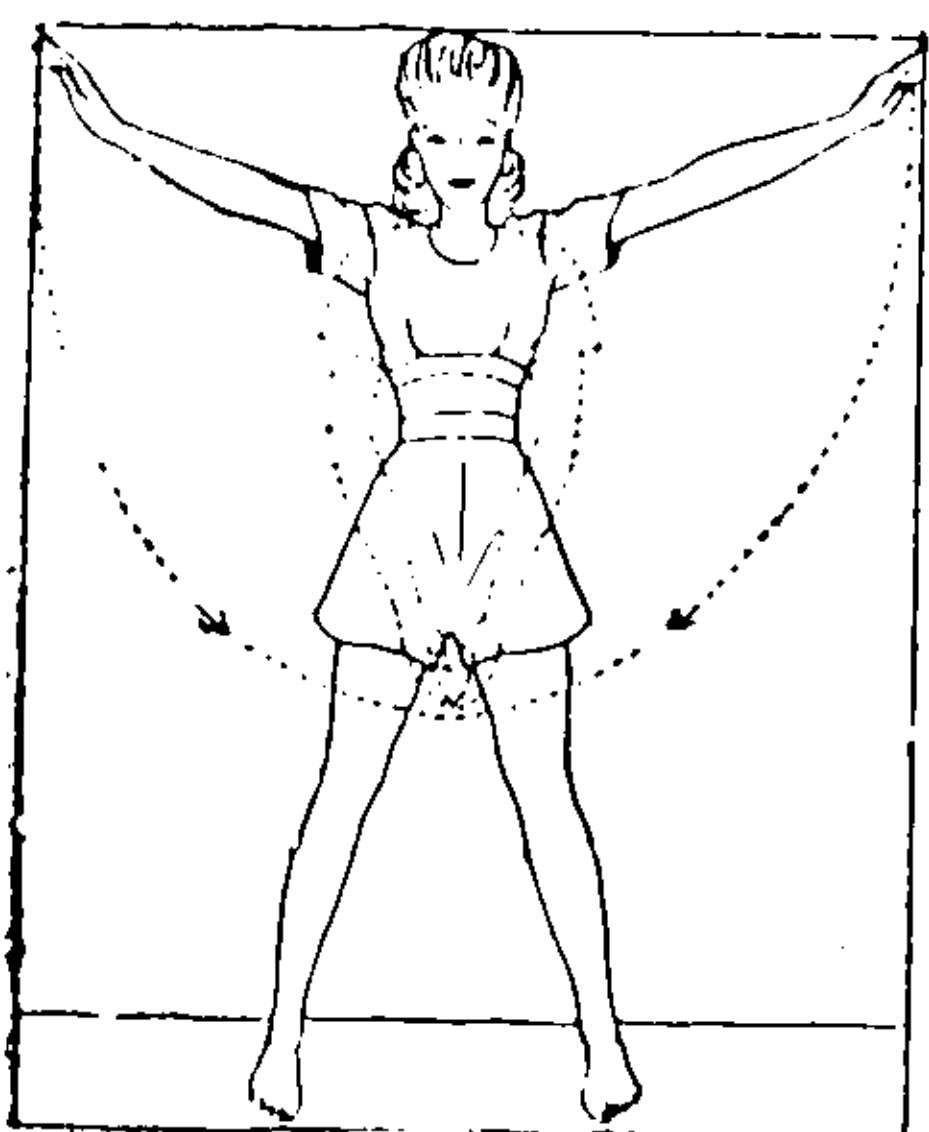
Torso Slimming Exercise

Older women who have neglected to exercise too many years must begin a refashioning routine with movements which do not strain them. Much harm can be experienced from strenuous movements if your body has not been gradually limbered first.

Swimming is an excellent means of limbering gradually and may be followed by more strenuous reducing and refashioning exercises such as hip slimming and waist stretching.

To-day I present two safe exercises for any older woman, or for a woman who is recuperating from an illness.

The first is a grand all-in-one for acquiring control of one's torso, it should be practiced in stocking feet and loose clothing.



Stand with legs apart, hands touching in front of body. Swing

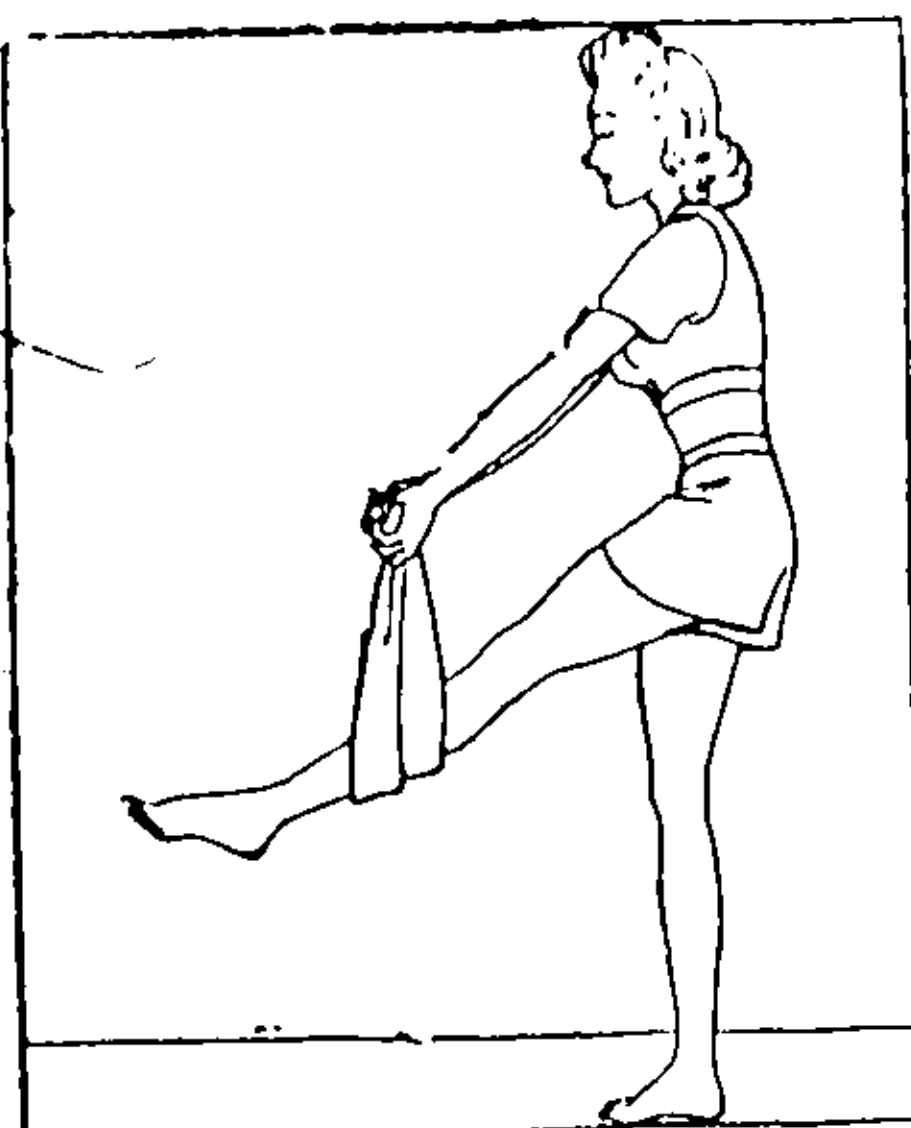
arms high and back, swing them low and let them cross each other. KEEP ELBOWS STRAIGHT AND KNEES STRAIGHT as you swing rapidly and far twelve times. Relax and repeat. ALSO HOLD YOUR ABDOMEN IN AND UP.

This exercise, though simple, is splendid for reducing the legs and for acquiring a steady balance which encourages body poise.

Grasp a turkish towel in both hands. Raise left leg out stiffly without bending knee. Loop the towel under your ankle and pull it briskly from side to side as the weight of your leg rests on the towel. Relax after a couple of minutes and then loop the towel underneath the ankle and let it slide up the leg to under the knee as you briskly pull it from side to side. Relax and repeat with right leg.

Watch Posture

All the exercising in the world will not benefit you unless you make good posture an unconscious



habit. You must hold your abdomen in and up, your buttocks tucked under, your head back and shoulders back but relaxed. Act queenly — be proud of an easy erect carriage — your body functions normally and makes you healthy when held in correct posture!



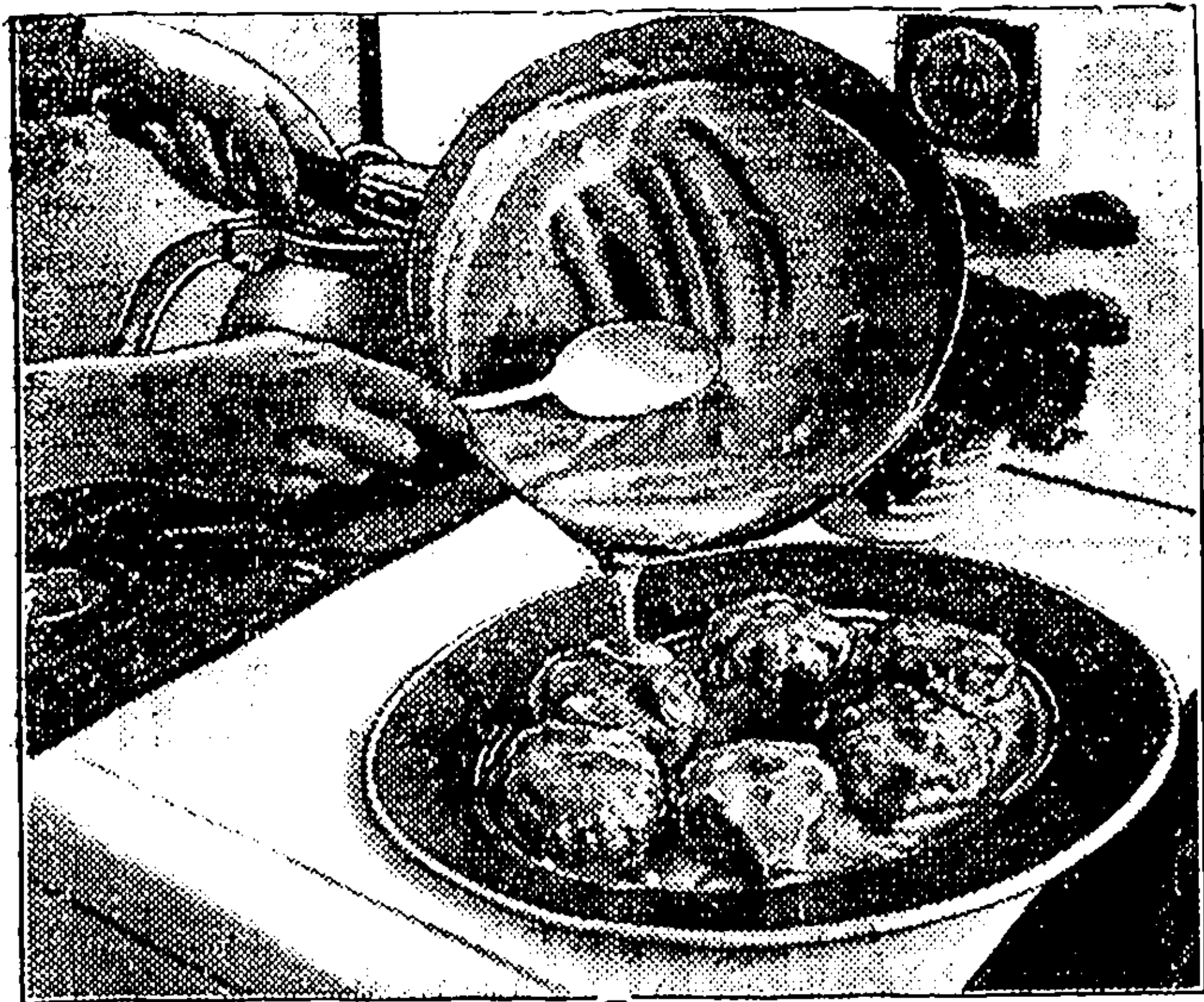
Dietering Dot says if exercise really makes for perfect form she should be the prize clotheshorse.

Savoury Meat Sauces

There's A New Way That's Speedy, Easy And Sure

says Dorothy Greig

SAUCES are one thing that many women avoid making. As a friend of mine once expressed it, "I love them on the dishes I get in restaurants but as for making the fussy, fiddling things myself, no sir!"



Creamy mushroom sauce lends zestful flavor to chopped meat patties.

There's no denying that sauces do demand time, skill and patience — if you start from scratch. But recently we have discovered we don't have to begin at the beginning. We can instead use condensed soups as a base and from them evolve some of the most zestful sauces that ever graced a dish.

You see, condensed soups as they come from the can already contain superb seasonings, skillfully blended. Therefore, the difficult and time-consuming part of making the sauces has been done for us. All we need do is add a few extra flourishes.

And a fine sauce does bestow such flavor on a meat dish! Often-times it's the making of the dish. Take meat patties, for instance. Creamy mushroom sauce positively glorifies them. And made this now simplified way it's no trouble at all.

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 tablespoons milk or light cream

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the milk and heat. Makes 1½ cups. Incidentally, this particular sauce is also delicious over many vegetables, but I think I like it best of all as a meat sauce. We all agree that hot tomato sauce does much for corned beef hash, pork chops, veal cutlets and the like.

Well, let's use condensed tomato soup for our sauce. You heat the soup just as it comes from the can and serve it thick and smooth without doing one single other thing to it. Or, for a more spicy sauce, try this:

Spiced Tomato Sauce

1 can condensed tomato soup
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoon tarragon vinegar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ground
¼ teaspoon cloves

Heat and serve.

And then there is this sauce — delicious for beef meat loaf:

Mock Turtle Sauce

1 can condensed mock turtle soup
6 tablespoons water
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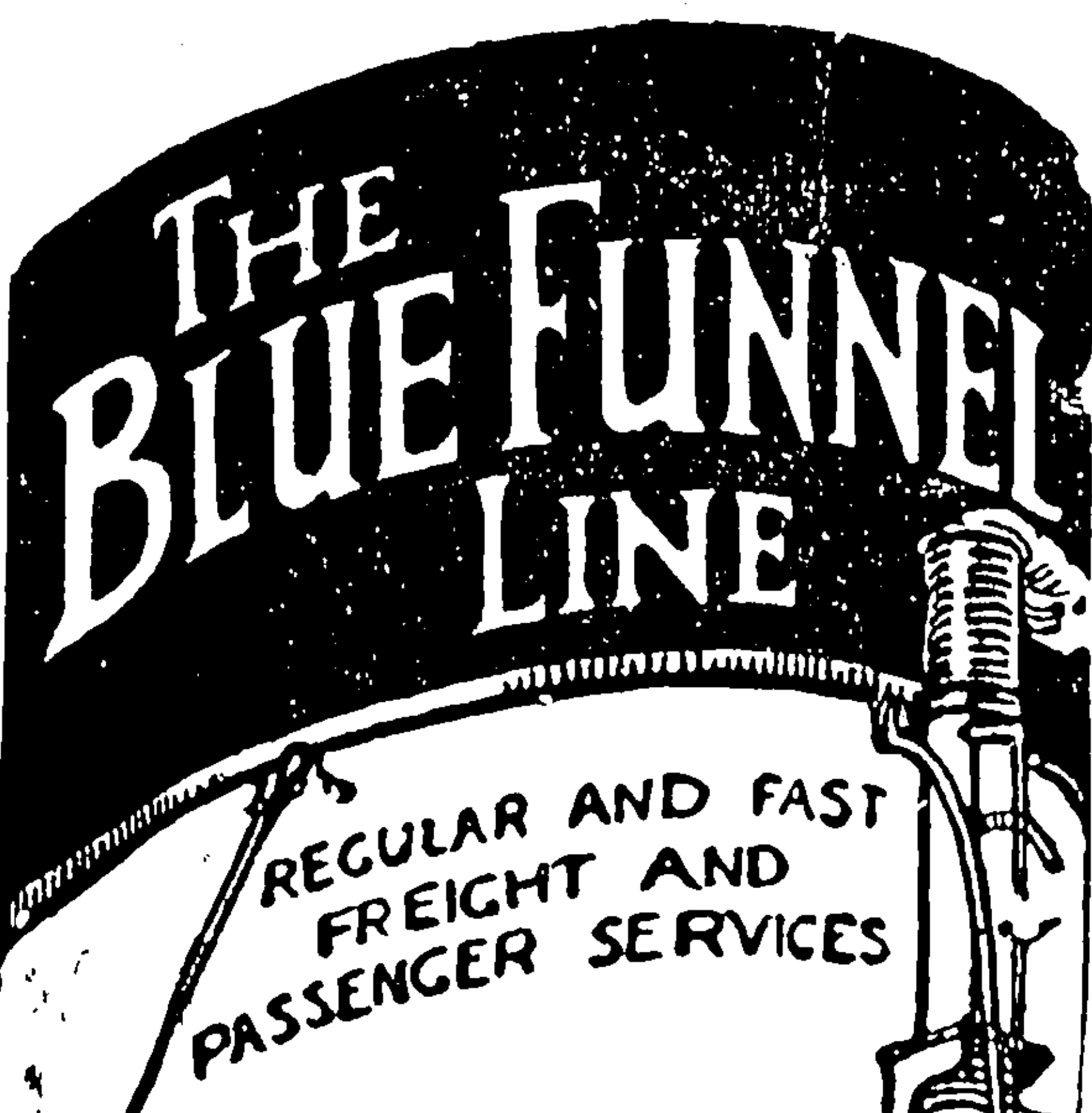
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EVACUEE OF 12 HITS AT CRITICS

On the darkened stairway of a strange house a child sat singing, for that was the only way she knew to keep herself from being afraid.

In the room at the foot of the stairs her baby brother was being born the room the child, only twelve, and the mother had spent long hours in cleaning, for they had gone there to escape the bombing of London's East End.

And one day, when she read criticisms by country people of the habits of evacuees, that twelve-year-old decided to hit back. She wrote this letter from the Leicestershire village where the family now live.

Dear Sir, I am disgusted at all the lies printed about evacuees. My mum would have died if she had not had me to feed her.

On January 2 I had a new brother and no one had been near Mum to see how she was and all New Year's day she was washing and cleaning ready.

The sheets she washed were froze on the line, but the neighbours didn't help me take them in and in the night I heard her moaning with pain and she even made me tea before she let me go out in the cold.

Neighbours Didn't Aid

She had her bed down in the kitchen, lit the fire, put the water on, set her baby clothes out all ready and laid out breakfast, yet they call Londoners lazy. Then I had to help the nurse and when my little brother was born the only place for me was to sit on the stairs and it was dark and cold. I thought to myself, where are the kind people who receive us with open arms and no one to even help the nurse.

I spose they thought Mum hadn't any money to pay them cos she had been going to have 2 women in but they didn't come till all the work was done and I had to clean up. So I said I'd manage now. Well then the nurse said "They couldn't come in as their children had a infectious illness and they would give it to Mum and baby."

"My dad came down as I sent him a telegram, you see he is on the rescue squad and had to get leave. Mum was very ill, but dad said he owed the baby's life to me and I could choose one name, so as I had sang "Good King Wenceslas" to cheer myself up.

"We Will Remember"

the nurse said my Mum is a wonderful woman as baby isn't damaged and Mum has had to do the breakfasts and potatoes and wash some of baby's things and tell me what to do. She is lovely cook and has set on the edge of her bed and made lovely puddings (excuse ink has run out) and dinners.

Some village people are so ignorant they think we know nothing. My little sisters came away before me and mum wanted to bring them back but all our winders were out and doors off from blast, so dad wired "Find anything."

Mum walked miles and got lodgings and they sent her papers for evacuation to stay. But she didn't get no money for a long time there so dopey down here. Now mum found this place and the rest was easy. She cleaned it and had blisters on her knees, hands like raw beef.

When this is over the good heart of the Londoner will harden and we will remember how mean the dirty lazy country yobs are.

Josephine Bennett age 12.

WED-LEFT HIM NEXT DAY

A husband whose wife left him the morning after the marriage in July, 1930, was granted a decree nisi on the ground of desertion by Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court yesterday.

He was Malcolm Finlayson MacFadyen, of York Road, Ilford, Essex. His wife, Anne did not contest the suit.

According to Mr. MacFadyen's case he was a barman when the marriage took place, and his wife a barmaid. They spent the night together and next morning he took her to her work, but had not seen her since.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety with Franco Langford, Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels.

Vocal: The Honourable Mr. So and So (Coslow). Frances Langford. Orchestral: Rumba Medley—Intro: Mama Inez, Peanut Vendor (vocal), Sweet Muchacha, Cubalero, Lady in Red (vocal), South American Joe, Cubana Mambo Band with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal: There is a Small Hotel ("On Your Toes"), Sing Something in the Morning ("Home & Beauty") Bebe Daniels.

Piano: Tin Pan Alley Medley: No. 28 Intro: Shake Down the Stars, Imagination. I was watching a Man paint a Fence. Playmates, No. 10: I Hear Bluebirds (Ivor Moreton & Dave Kaye).

Vocal: Melody from the Sky (Mitchell, Alter). Is it True what they say about Dixie? (Caesar & Others). Frances Langford with Victor Young & his Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra and Derek Oldham (Tenor): Raymond Overture (Thomas).

New Light Symphony Orchestra. Nocturne (Curran), A Little Love, A Little Kiss (Saksu), Derek Oldham (Tenor).

Bufoen (Confrey), Jazz Nocturne (Suesse), New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Danny Little Maiden (Besley), Willie Melville & Derek Oldham with Orchestra.

Prelude (Haydn Wood), New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Joe Loss and his Orchestra: Quick-Step: The Woodpecker Song.

Fox-Trot: My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used to Be.

Slow Fox-Trot: Star Dust Covered Bundle.

Quick-Steps: Sweet Little Sweetheart, No Mama, No.

Slow Fox-Trot: When Budapest was Young.

Waltz: Moonlight on the Prairie.

Tango Fox-Trot: The Memory of a Rose.

Waltz: Memories Live Longer Than Dreams.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Strauss—"Le Beau Danube" Ballet Music, London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Meet Uncle Sam".

7.30 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor, Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—Operatic Duets.

"Die Meistersinger": Sachs and Eva Duets (Wagner). See, Ev'chen! Where, methought, can she be? A shoemaker's life is aye full of care.

Elizabeth Rethberg (Soprano) & Friedrich Schorr (Baritone) with Orchestra.

"Aida" (Verdi): Heaven! My Father! Dusolina Gramini & Giovanni Inghilleri (Soprano & Baritone) with Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—The London Philharmonic Orchestra with Maurice Marechal ("Cello").

Legende Op. 59, No. 3 (Dvorak). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

SOUGHT LIFE OF ADVENTURE—GOT IT

His boss called fifteen-year-old John Evans the town's best butcher's boy, but John's secret dream was to lead a life of adventure, so he suddenly threw up his job in Cardigan, South Wales, to join a ship.

On the voyage home a storm blew his ship away from the convoy. He tasted his first dose of really bad weather—and liked it.

Along came John's sixteenth birthday. All the crew were about to celebrate it when Nazi bombs hit the ship twice. Then a plane swooped down again and again machine-gunning the crew as they took to their boats.

"Fortunately none of the crew was killed," said John.

"We were found several hours later by an armed trawler."

"It was the strangest birthday I ever expected to have."

"I wanted adventure and I've had it. Now I'm waiting for more."

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Serenade: Espagnole (Glazounov), Apres Un Reve (Faure), Maurice Marechal (Cello).

Suite de Ballet (The Origin of Desires) (Handel), (a) Bourree, (b) Rondeau, (c) Gigue, (d) Musette, (e) Battle and Finale. Sir Thomas Beecham & London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Indian Lament (Dvorak), Dimanche de Paques sur la Mer (Easter Sunday at Sea) (Dupont), Maurice Marechal (Cello).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Plantation Songs.

Camptown Races, Uncle Ned, Ring de Banjo, Old Black Joe, Frank Luther & the Lyn Murray Quartet.

Nellie Bly, Hard Times Come Again No More, Oh! Susanna, Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground, Frank Luther & the Lyn Murray Quartet.

9.45 p.m.—London Piano Accordion Band.

Six Hit Medley—Intro: Roll Along Prairie Moon, Girl with Dreamy Eyes, My Dance, Easter Parade, Dancing with My Shadow. She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue... with Chorus.

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods), One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver & Others), At the Close of a Long, Long Day (Moll & Marvin) with Vocal Chorus.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot: Peter! Peter!, Waltz: One Tiny Tear, Ray Noble & his Orch.

Fox-Trot: The Only One Who's Difficult is You (film "Band Wagon"), Slow Fox-Trot: Melody Maker (film "Band Wagon"), Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots: A Blue Canoe for Two, The Lady's in Love with You (film "Some Like it Hot"), Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Quickstep: Taint What You Do, Slow Fox-Trot: East Side of Heaven (from the film) Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

Fox-Trots: An Apple for the Teacher, Still the Bluebird Sings (film "The Star Maker"), Larry Clinton & his Orchestra.

Tangos—Summer Evening in Santa Cruz, Dear Madam, Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—You Grow Sweeter as the Years Go By, Tears from my Inkwell, Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Comedy Waltz—The Village Band, Ray Noble & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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The London Stock Exchange is very cautious, and apart from a little lowering in gilt-edged securities, price changes are few and business idle.

Industrials ruled fairly steady and oils and home rails are also about unchanged while amongst the Kafirs, non-producers are occasionally offered.

Spanish four per cent bonds declined from 42 to 38½ while Japanese and Greek stocks are also dull but Egyptian unified are higher. Wall Street was dull - Reuter.

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QUEEN'S GOWN GIFT

The Queen has given Canada one of her favourite gowns as a "lasting memento" of her Canadian tour.

It is the gown she wore in the Senate Chamber at Ottawa.

Princess Alice, wife of the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada, has officially presented it to the public archives, where it will be on view.

The gown is made of shimmering white satin with a large crinoline skirt heavily encrusted with pearls, gold paillettes and sparkling diamantes. It is embroidered in a Persian pattern on a background of filmy gold lace. Similar embroidery is worked into the court train. Reuter.

YOU SAVED US, PILOTS TELL GIRLS

"TELL US ABOUT your jumps," shouted excited girl parachute-makers when five R.A.F. fighter pilots visited their factory. So the airmen, all of whom had saved their lives by parachute and had come to say "Thank you" to the men and women who make them, jumped on a table and told thrilling stories of air battle and escape.

All wore the golden caterpillar brooch of the Caterpillar Club, membership of which is confined to those who have saved their lives by baling out. They came from two fighter squadrons which have shot down 226 enemy planes.

A squadron-leader, besides making a jump, also escaped from a Hurricane by lifting the hatch and climbing out when his machine was already 30ft. under water on its way to the bottom of the North Sea.

As the girls called "Tell us what it's like," a tall, twenty-six-year-old squadron-leader said:

"One night last year I told my flight commander how terrified I should be to have to bale out. I thought I should not have the 'guts'."

"Next morning three of us were over the North Sea. I saw a Dornier 5,000ft. above me. I had to creep up behind him. He started banging away at me. I gave him a 'good squirt'."

"Then suddenly there was a tremendous explosion just in front of my tummy. I felt to see if I was still there."

Not Used To It

"I could not believe that I had been shot down. You see, I was not used to that sort of thing. I was twelve miles out at sea. I knew I had to jump."

"I counted three and stepped over the side. Another three, and I pulled the plug. So I began to float down. The sensation was absolutely wonderful."

"I saw my plane crash into the sea. I was sorry, because I had my best hat in it!"

"I began to breathe deeply in case I went under. As I hit the water I pressed a button which threw off my parachute harness. For about twenty minutes I en-

joyed myself just swimming around.

"A little boat came out from a ship. I heard someone say, 'Gawd, he's a Jerry.' I shouted, 'No, please, I'm not; I'm English'."

Pint Of Rum

"They picked me up. Then I began to feel frightened. I knew there were a lot of mines in the North Sea."

"They gave me a pint glass full of rum. When the mate's back was turned I poured some down the sink. They took me round a dozen ships. On each I had to have a drink."

"The second time I had to jump was over London. My squadron ran into a whole lot of Me. 110's, heavily protected by Messerschmitt 109's, which we call 'June Bees'."

"I singled out a nice fat pig that's a 110. Down came the 109's and absolutely smothered us."

"Suddenly I saw a lot of balls of fire. There was a terrific bang and a deluge of petrol."

"My engine would not go. This time I landed in a blackberry bush."

FIRM DO TOO MUCH TRADE: FINED £1,250

Ignoring the Government Order to restrict home trade—vital if war production is to be speeded—a London West End wholesale firm distributing hosiery, fancy goods and perfumery bought and sold at a rate of over £1,000,000 a year.

At Bow Street Police Court the firm and four directors were ordered to pay fines totalling £1,250 and costs exceeding £69.

It was the first prosecution of its kind and was brought by the Board of Trade.

Hispano-Britannic Company, Ltd., of Regent Street, W., were fined £300 for contravening the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) Order, 1940.

"Quota"

Of the directors, Viscount Hill, Deputy-Lieutenant of Shropshire, was fined £120; Archibald Stammers Sinnatt, of Rutland Road, Ilford, £300; Juan Palomero Carras, of Porchester Court, W., £150; and Duncan Shaw MacLennan, of York Street, Glasgow, £120.

For failing to cause proper books of account to be kept, Sinnatt was fined £200 and the other directors £20 each.

Mr. Eric Dean, prosecuting, said the firm, by pretending they had a quota sales percentage, were able to buy and sell goods during October and November at a rate of more than £1,000,000 a year.

Their commission ranged from 7½ to 12½ per cent and they were thus able to make large sums of money by doing practically nothing.

For the defence, it was stated that the breach of the regulations was not wilful.

AIRMEN THREW WHISKY OUT

Everything—even their iron rations—was thrown overboard by a crew of an R.A.F. plane which was hit by anti-aircraft fire while raiding Brindisi, the Italian Adriatic embarkation port.

Telling in Athens of the plane's nightmare journey to safety, the twenty-year-old pilot smiled as he recalled:

"The rear gunner gave a grimace as we threw out a full bottle of whisky."

The raiding planes crossed the mountains in Albania, hopping over some of the peaks and swinging round the others.

"Dawn was just breaking when our Squadron Leader flashed us the signal that we were only a few minutes off Brindisi," said the pilot whose plane was hit.

"Our job was to get a railway station and some munition dumps marked on our bombing maps. I could hardly see the port for the hell of bursting anti-aircraft stuff that seemed to be close around us."

"And I'm ready to bet that the guns that were throwing it up weren't Italian."

Engine Spluttering

"I got the target under the bomb-sight and let go a stick of bombs before we climbed back into the clouds, where we got a breather, although the shells were still cracking louder than our engines," continued the pilot.

"We then came down again low enough to ascertain that buildings were smoking from other bombs. This time we made sure of our target and I watched my bombs smashing into a V-shaped group of factory buildings."

"Just then I felt a blow which threw the whole plane over. I dumped the rest of the rack on the target and then headed for home, losing height fast. It would have been suicide to attempt to return over the Albanian mountains."

"Everything was thrown overboard to lighten the plane."

"We were ready to bale out with our parachutes ready strapped on."

"Eighty miles from home our other engine began to splutter, and I thought it was all up with us. Then it caught up again and we drove on."

"Throwing everything overboard was worth while, for we planned down to the flying field with our ship intact."

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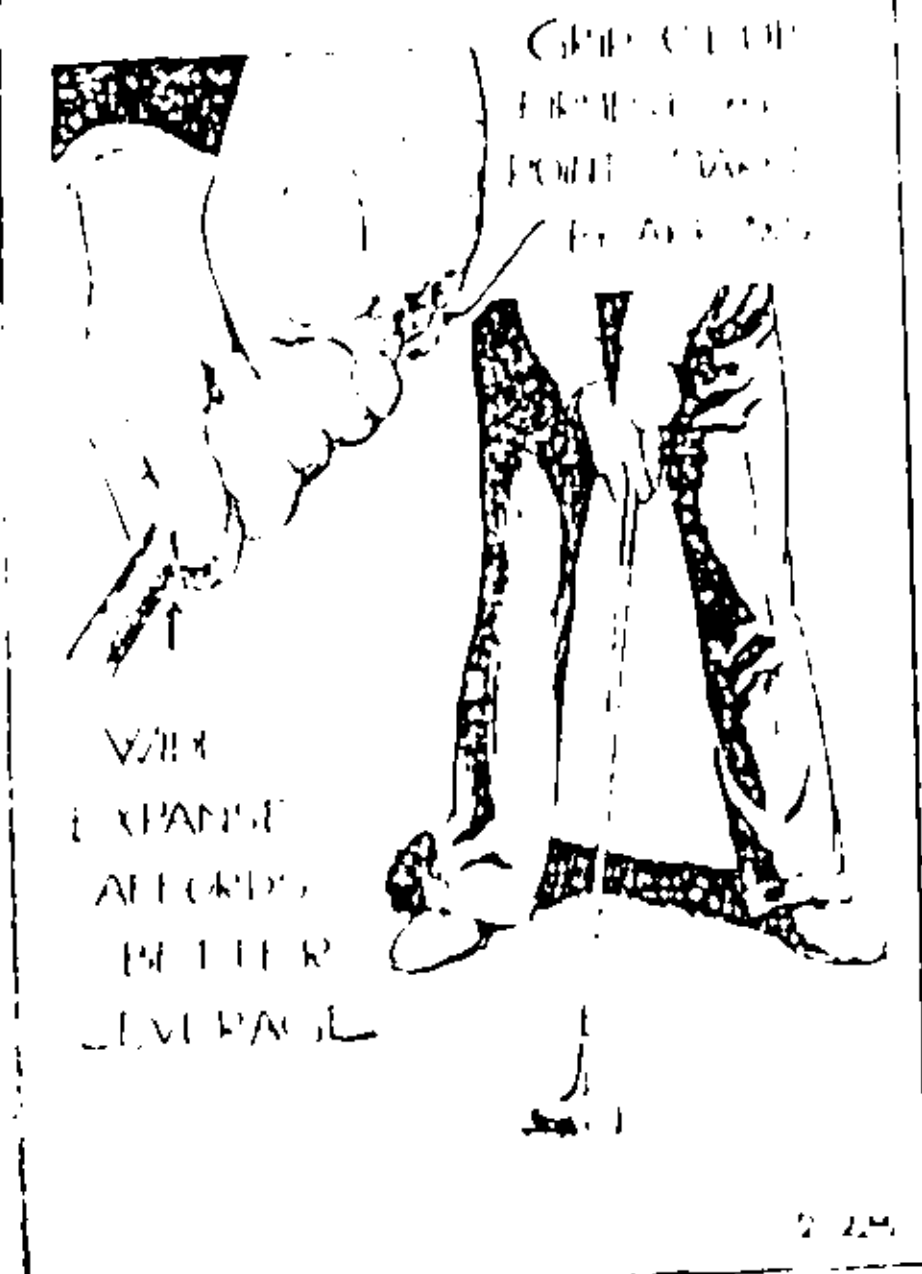
Long-Awaited Single Between Wong And Young

HOOI AND MISS KHOO FAVOURED

By "Adrem"

ALL BADMINTON ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROKEN THIS EVENING, WHEN THE LONG-AWAITED MATCH BETWEEN PATRICK H. WONG, THE HOLDER, AND M. P. YOUNG, FORMER CAMBRIDGE HALF-BLUE AND CONQUEROR OF P. K. HOOI IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, TAKES PLACE.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Gripping The Club

By BEST BALL

Large hand, see a golfing club for their wide exposure, a great application of leverage to the club. (Golfers are fortunate in the use of these numbers, not take advantage of this leverage principle by having the thumb grip upon the shaft distributed all over as wide as area as possible. For instance, the point of finger pressure in the left hand grip must rest in the left three fingers of the left hand. This is the point furthest toward the end of the shaft as illustrated above.

The right hand must adapt its most secure grip in the index finger and thumb, nearest point in relation to the clubhead. The distance between these two points provides ample space to take full advantage of the application of leverage to the golf club. Furthermore the club held in this fashion allows good co-ordination between hand, arm and body movement, all three of which working together provide the essentials of smooth swinging.

BROMWICH IN TENNIS INCIDENT

John Bromwich's part in an exhibition tennis tournament in March at the Rushcutters Bay courts was the subject of a special report to the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia by the N.S.W.L.T.A.

The L.T.A.A. council decided to call for the report after it had received a letter on the tournament from the N.S.W. body, which said that it had asked Bromwich for an explanation.

Bromwich and Pails had been drawn to play in two singles and one doubles match. Bromwich had not complied fully with the request. The letter exonerated Pails.

Sir Norman Brooks, chairman, said that because the tournament was a national fixture it devolved upon the council to take action, but after discussion it was agreed that it should be left to New South Wales to take action, as that body had been asked to arrange the tournament.

Young played brilliantly to beat Hooi, in a thrilling match, but his form in his doubles match on Tuesday was far from impressive. Wong's form, however, has also been variable, but his experience and clever placements are expected to carry him through to the final.

In the mixed double event, P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo, runner-up the season before last, will be opposed to M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthine Silva. In many quarters the former pair are expected to regain the crown but stern opposition is predicted this evening. Oliveira is a great fighter and is fast about court, while Miss Silva is probably the finest lady-player in the Colony. Hooi's superiority over Oliveira, however, will probably decide the issue.

T. S. Young and K. Fung should win their junior double against C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier, while Young is also expected to beat Chellah in the event of the latter being fit enough to play. If Chellah is unable to turn out this evening he will concede a walk-over.

Following is the programme:

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva (8.30 p.m.).

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier.

SENIOR SINGLES

P. H. Wong v. M. P. Young.



PASSING OF A GREAT BOXER

Another sportsman who has passed over is Tancy Lee, famous Scottish boxer, who caused a sensation at the National Sporting Club during the last war by compelling Jimmy Wilde to retire in 17 rounds. Lee was knocked down and killed by a bus in his native Leith recently.

At the time he won the championship from Wilde, Lee had only a modest reputation. He was regarded as "easy game" for the incomparable Wilde, and what made his victory the more astonishing was Lee's age. He was 33 and the father of six children. Not till he was past 30 did Lee engage in his first professional fight. He continued in the ring until he was 45, and after losing the fly-weight title back to Wilde, moved up into the feather weight division and won a Lonsdale belt outright with three championship triumphs.

The council of the New South Wales Bowling Association decided recently to recommend all affiliated clubs to adopt uniform blazers and hatbands.

The blazers will be of royal blue serge of a shade to be chosen, the name of the club to be in plain block letters in gold on the left-hand top pocket. The hatband will be the same colour, with the club's name, also in gold, diagonally across the front.

HUTTON BREAKS HIS ARM

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire cricketer, broke an arm during army duties recently. He will miss the early part of the coming cricket season.

BEST BRITISH BANTAM AND FLYWEIGHT BOXER

Nine days after storming his way to victory over Paddy Ryan in defence of the British flyweight championship, Jackie Paterson took the ring again at Newcastle and this time handed a points beating to Jim Brady, of Dundee.

It was a close struggle for a few rounds, with Brady's clever ducking and swaying unsettling Paterson, but later Paterson began to connect with his heavy hooks, and towards the end he was plastering Brady with punishment.

No title was involved, the journey being limited to 10 rounds, but it was a notable win all the same, for Paterson was giving weight to a man who recently beat Kid Turner for the Empire bantamweight championship. This virtually establishes Paterson as the best fighter in both flyweight and bantam classes.

FERRIER TO STAY IN AMERICA

JIM FERRIER, the Australian golf champion, who announced recently that he was making his appearance as a professional in the North-South championship at Pinehurst, has given his reasons for taking the step.

He is, however, most reticent about his citizenship plans. He would prefer not to make any statement about that subject.

When asked when he intended returning to Australia Ferrier said: "That is a hard question. The answer is I really do not know."

"I turned professional because two good offers came simultaneously and I could not afford to turn them down," he said. "I had an offer of the professional job at the Elmhurst Country Club, Chicago, by Fred Snite, senior, father of the 'Iron Lung' patient, for an undisclosed sum and I was considering it when I received another offer to represent Wilson's Sporting Goods Company, the largest in the world. I accepted both. The Wilson offer was received on February 24, the day after my birthday. I will begin work at Elmhurst when I finish at the Pinehurst, Greensboro, Asheville, and Augusta."

Ferrier continued: "American golf offers unusual opportunities for a good golfer if he can make the right connections. Golf is a developed business in America, whereas in Australia the game is still in its infancy. More people play golf here and that is the rea-

POLICE TEAM FOR MACAO

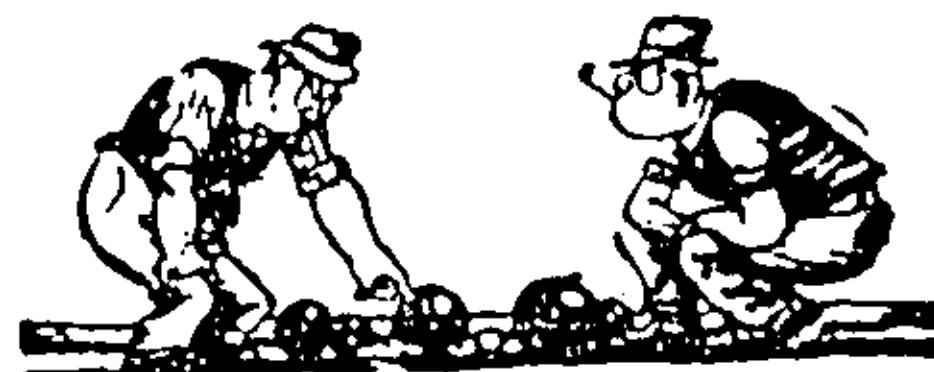
Marking the close of the season, Police Hockey Club, runners-up to Club de Recreio, in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament, will make the trip to Macao on Sunday to play a combined Macao team, which will most probably be chosen from the players who took part in the recent inter-port match.

The team will leave on the early morning boat and is expected to return to the Colony the following morning.

Mr. E. C. Lacombe, A. S. P., the manager, and Sergeant Rothwell, the Hon. Secretary, will accompany the team, which will be represented by the following players:

NARANJAN SINGH, MAN SINGH AND BLACKBURN, LES, LIE, COUGH AND HAYWARD, TEJA SINGH, HOWLETT, NARWANT SINGH, PARKER AND BROWN.

Reserves: Wall and Jeshir Singh.



BOWLS ON SATURDAY

Marking the opening of their season, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club will entertain Kowloon Football Club in a friendly lawn bowls match at Hunghom on Saturday afternoon.

WAH YAN SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Meeting of the Kowloon Wah Yan College will take place at 1 p.m. to-day, at Kowloon Football Club, Chatham Road.

FAMOUS HORSE DESTROYED

Racing men at Home were sorry to hear Sir Francis Towle's news that he had been compelled to have his famous steeplechaser, Airgead Sios, destroyed. The horse broke down badly at exercises at Epsom and all attempts to put him right failed.

A more spectacular jumper than Airgead Sios could not be imagined. He fairly flew over his fences, and his pace and pulling power on the flat were terrific. He won two Becher's and one Champion chase at Aintree, so there was no doubting his ability to get the course.

Yet, in the huge Grand National field and amid all the excitement and fuss of that great day Airgead Sios was not a champion at all. The National should have been easy for a horse of such jumping powers and speed, but his temperament was not equal to the occasion.

ANOTHER TENNIS PRO.

Dorothy Round, twice winner of the women's singles at Wimbledon, will soon follow Mary Hardwick into professional tennis match play. That is the opinion in London following her reported intention of becoming a professional coach.

Her case is much like Miss Handwick's. Mary found that the currency restrictions created difficulties for her in the United States, and she signed on with the Alice Marble troupe chiefly because she needed the money to support herself.

Dorothy Round (Mrs. Little, a doctor's wife), evacuated to Canada with her small son, also seeks to be self-supporting while she is out of England. But as she aims at the same time to assist war charities, then she must play match tennis, as there cannot be much left over for war funds out of coaching fees.

RUGBY CLUBS' DISSATISFACTION

With most of the winter gone Rugby football followers have not had a single big match to absorb their attention, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction over it in club circles.

They feel that something should be done and done quickly, by the Rugby Union to stage representative matches. England played Wales twice last season, with the result that over £8,000 was raised for the Red Cross.

Clubs say it is a matter of duty for the R. U. to keep up the good work, yet the indications are that nothing is likely to be done. It is said the R.U. view is that they should do nothing that might add to the road and rail transport problems.

It is difficult, however, to align this opinion with the fact that only recently the sister game of Soccer staged an England-Scotland match at Newcastle, drawing 31,000 people. It is in order for Soccer to do that, why must Rugby hold its hand?

Soon after war began the R.U. cancelled all club subscriptions and declared a moratorium on loans. This means that the R.U. have no income, but they have a fat reserve (about £60,000), so it does not hurt them to retire into their shell until the return of peace and prosperity.

Whether this is the right attitude for a governing body to adopt in war time is another matter. Clubs and players argue that the R.U. should be up and doing, putting some life into the game and helping to raise cash for war funds.

Ethusiastic At Opportunity

Ferrier is most enthusiastic over his new jobs and is proudly distributing pamphlets advertising his fourth in the Chicago open golf championship at Elmhurst in July last.

Mrs. Ferrier is equally enthusiastic about her husband receiving the jobs almost a year to the day after Ferrier landed in America. She says she is more delighted as there were 150 applications for the Elmhurst job. Mr. Snite recently spent \$35,000 on the course and \$7,000 on the clubhouse.

Ferrier said when he came here he had no idea of receiving a job. Possibilities were revealed at Miami. He had booked a passage early this year for Australia.

Cricket In Tasmania Like Rural England

THE ASSERTION of the popular song that "There'll Always Be an England" is given an unexpected ring of truth by the way in which cricketers in Australia persist in keeping alive the best traditions of the grand old English summer game despite the war-depleted players' ranks and other difficulties, writes a correspondent from Hobart, Tasmania.

Evidence is the first intra-state game of the season played here in a setting now perhaps more English than the bomb-torn playing fields of the Old Country. Half-a-century-old deciduous trees that might have been plucked from the very heart of rural England shaded the raised turf-covered banks upon which spectators sprawled in village-green fashion to watch the two-day match fought out on the richly verdant oval.

In former years this game has always been a trial of strength before the selection of the State side to meet Mainland state teams. This year it is a tribute to custom, for Tasmania can never field an eleven strong enough to compete with the more populous Mainland states in the serious Sheffield Shield competition and the social games with Mainland sides, in peace years the biggest events of the Tasmanian cricketing season, are war casualties.

The result was a not unexpected rout, with Southern Tasmania the victors. Their opponents, Northern Tasmania, fielded a side not fully comprised of recruits to intra-state cricket. In comparison, the Southern eleven, with its first eleven selected to play for Tasmania, included a number of players from the State's top clubs.

Score: Southern Tasmania 142, Northern Tasmania 302.

CRICKET PLANS AT HOME

Cricket seems far distant, but already some of the counties are making their plans, and it is good to hear that Notts, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Surrey and Essex have plumped for continuance throughout 1941, writes a London Correspondent.

London Counties XI, a war creation, will also be operating with their all-star band of cricketers, such as Sandham, Durston, Sims, Wellard and Jim Smith, that mighty hitter of sixes.

Notts will have Joe Hardstaff turning out for them on occasions, though he is now a sergeant in an anti-aircraft battery. Harris and Butler, of Notts, are also in A.A. units, but it is true of every club that Service claims have made in-roads into their elevens, and some of the team-picking is going to be a bit makeshift.

As an instance of the sort of thing that is liable to happen, switch for a moment to billiards. When Sidney Smith was called up for the Royal Armoured Corps, he was due to play a match. The promoter hastily thought of a substitute, and picked Walter Donaldson. But when he phoned the Scottish stylist it was only to learn that he, too, had enlisted.

Unfortunately, Yorkshire cannot see their way to play cricket. They stood down last summer. But, as Sir Stanley Jackson, the president, pointed out in Leeds on January 29, every Yorkshire player under 40 is serving in the Forces.

For all that, Yorkshire, with the aid of juniors and veterans, took part in minor matches for the Red Cross Fund, and raised £2,260.

A news item revealed by Sir Stanley was that John Tunncliffe, the great Yorkshire opening batsman of a past age (he is now 75), was recently buried for 3½ hours under a bombed building.

Rescuers got Tunncliffe out, shaken but unharmed.

JOE LOUIS MATCHED WITH BUDDY BAER

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, has been matched with Buddy Baer, Maxie's little brother, for a title bout, it was announced here yesterday. May 23 was tentatively for the fight.

WARWICK C.C. YEAR'S PROFIT

Warwickshire cricket club proudly reports a profit on last season working of £21 9s. 8d. It wanted some doing making a profit at all, seeing what they had to contend with. There were bomb craters dotted about, including one a few yards from the pavilion which wiped out the practice shed, and several incendiaries on the pavilion itself.

Whether Warwickshire will continue in the coming summer is indefinite, but an encouraging sign is that members have rolled up with £1,166 to date in subscriptions.

VETERAN CRICKETER RETIRES

H. S. ("Hammy") Love, veteran wicketkeeper, first-class batsman, and sportsman, has announced his retirement at the end of the season. His has been a long and distinguished career, extending over 30 years.

Love represented New South Wales and Victoria in Sheffield Shield games, but, with the exception of one test match at Brisbane, higher honours eluded him. W. A. Oldfield was an obstacle in his cricketing path.

Love was a sound keeper and batsman in Shield games, having a batting average of 36.4 for 47 completed innings.

STAYED FIVE ROUNDS AGAINST LOUIS

Clarence Burman, the redhaired Irish-American, went into the fifth round against Joe Louis in New York recently thus upsetting most of the odds laid against him. The betting boys did not wager on the result, but on the distance of the so-called battle, and few credited Clarence with the ability to survive three rounds.

Tommy Farr, who beat Burman easily in London, has since received yet another cable from Milk Jacobs, but even if he wanted to make the trip (and he cannot make up his mind), there is the problem of securing an exit permit.

Hobby Pearce, the world's professional sculling champion, is in hospital suffering from a broken leg, the result of a professional wrestling match against Wallace Musovich, of Chicago, at the end of March.

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CAPITULATION OF GREEK ARMY OF THE EPIRUS

Terms Announced By Italian High Command

SURVIVORS REACH MADEIRA

Twenty-one survivors of the British steamer, Aurillac, which was sunk by enemy action, landed at Funchal, Madeira Is., yesterday in a lifeboat which was towed into port by a Portuguese fisherman. A search for a second missing lifeboat is proceeding.—Reuter.

FRENCH WHEAT CROP

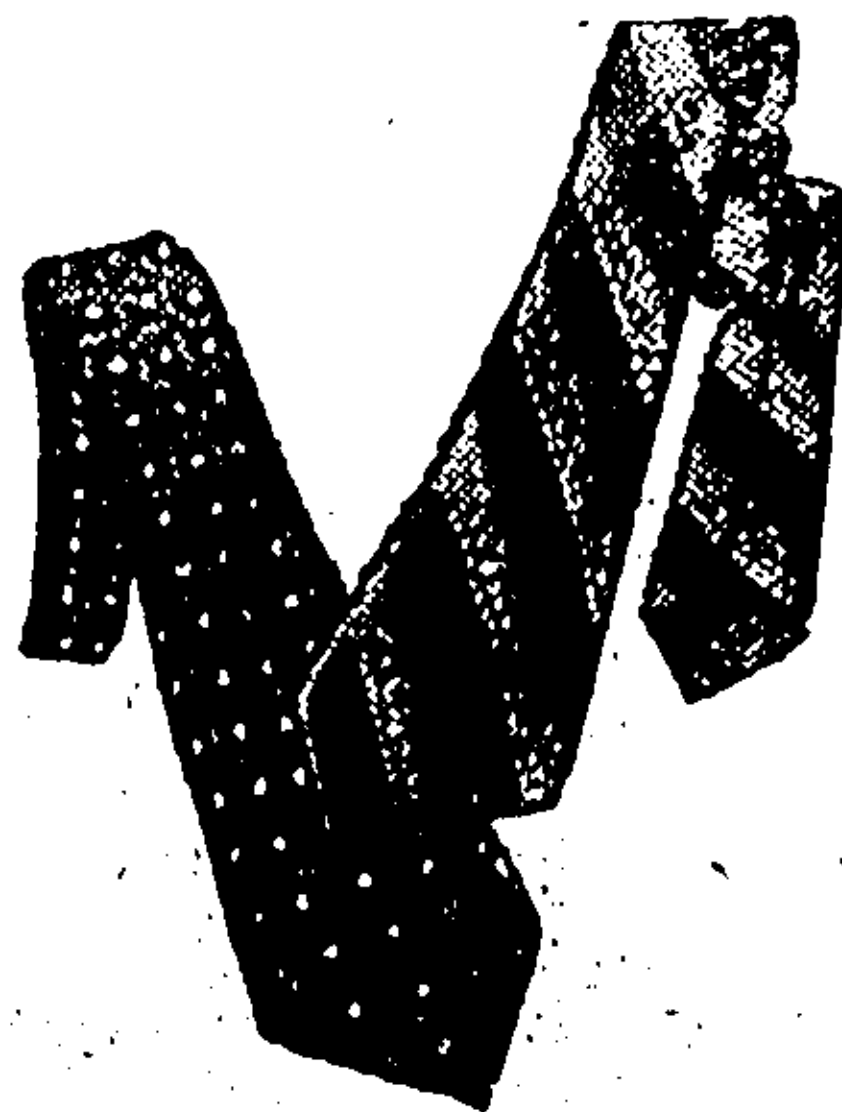
AN INCREASE IN THE WHEAT CROPS, BOTH IN UNOCCUPIED AND OCCUPIED FRANCE, FROM 7,800,000 ACRES IN 1940 TO 10,000,000 ACRES IN 1941 WAS ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH AT LIMOGES BY THE VICHY SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE, M. CALOT.

He added that the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient through dear food stuffs amounting to 40,000,000 quintals equivalent to sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle. Mr. Calot thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening.—Reuter.

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Extent Of Surrender Not Yet Clear

THE AGREEMENT on the capitulation of the Greek forces in Epirus and Macedonia was issued last night by the Italian High Command, and reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of Epirus and the Greek Forces in Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek officers shall keep their swords and equipment. All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners meanwhile will be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in Continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

Spoils Of War

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under the command of their officers and shall take early measures to carry out the capitulation. Supplies and services for the Greek pri-

soners shall, for the start, be maintained by the Greek High Command.

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the armies of Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute the spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.—Reuter.

Differing Figures

The Germans and the Italians are unable to agree on the number of Greek troops that have surrendered.

The German News Agency, which says that the armistice came into force at six o'clock last evening, says it was signed near Salonika, and adds: It is estimated that between ten and twelve Greek divisions have surrendered.

The Italian Agency says the surrendered forces number between sixteen and eighteen divisions — the greater part of the Greek Army.

Vichy Estimate

In London, it is stated that authentic figures of the extent of the capitulation are not yet forthcoming. The military commentator of the official Vichy news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December.

This, says the commentator, accounts for the greater part of General Papagos' forces and leaves only a few Greek units in line co-operating with the British forces. He thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains, the Gulf of Patras and the Ionian Sea.—Reuter.

ALLIED FORCE MAKING STAND IN PASS OF THERMOPYLAE

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of the German troops. German tanks, they state, are not camouflaged, but are painted black with a red swastika. Transport is not convoyed and masses of material, guns, tanks, all jumbled together are pouring along the lines of communication, making good bombing targets.

Cairo Statement

It is reliably stated in Cairo military quarters that German pressure on the British forces eased off during Sunday and Monday, enabling the withdrawing troops to consolidate their new position.

But the respite is not expected to last, though the advanced German elements must be near exhaustion.

It is not believed in Cairo that the surrender of the Army of Epirus affects the main Greek force.

German Claim Modified

German troops south of Lamia are reported to be 50 miles from Athens, according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale D'Italia."

A Stefani Agency telegram states that firing ceased last night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the

terms of the armistice agreement.—Reuter.

Air Coöperation

Reconnaissance aircraft were actively engaged supporting our troops on the ground and our fighters carried out many offensive patrols with successful results. Enemy air attacks on our aerodromes were heavy but the damage was slight. Ground defences brought down four dive-bombers (JU87s) and one Dornier and damaged several others.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was officially announced in London yesterday that 500 persons were killed and another 420 seriously injured in the recent German aerial blitz on Northern Ireland.—International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Count Ciano is on his way back to Rome from Vienna after a series of conferences with Hitler and Ribbentrop on the question of the distribution of the conquered Yugoslav territory.—International News Service.

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Evacuation Reports

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is stated here that there has been no direct communication between London and Athens for several hours, but official quarters state that this does not mean that Athens has fallen and that the Allies are holding out in their new positions.

Regarding the Epirus surrender, it is stated that German forces were astride the main lines of communication of the Greek forces withdrawing from Albania and there was no chance of withdrawing an organised body.

Rome Radio alleged last night that between 60,000 and 80,000 British troops had left Greece.

German Statements

A military spokesman in Berlin last night claimed that the road to Athens is now open and German occupation should take place by Friday at the latest.

"The Balkan offensive," he said, "can be considered as ended."

"There are indications" that the British Army has abandoned Piraeus. — International News Service.

PART OF SERB ARMY FIGHTS ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bombed 38 times, having lost everything, "but glad to be alive," the International News Service correspondent in Yugoslavia, A. Chinigo, has succeeded in getting messages out of the country by courier to Budapest.

He says that fighting is still going on in several parts of the country, though the capitulation is virtually complete.

Part of the Yugoslav Second Army, operating in Dalmatia, is still fighting, "apparently not informed of the surrender."

Belgrade is practically a rubbish heap as the result of the German Luftwaffe attacks. — International News Service.

BREST ATTACKED TWICE IN A NIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British bombers last night twice blasted Brest where the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are still lying. — International News Service.

Sir David Owens' Report: Praya Reclamation

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONG KONG HARBOUR TRUST AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, THE RENEWAL OF PIER LEASES TO EXISTING OPERATORS UNDER NEW CONDITIONS AND IMPORTANT RECLAMATION SCHEMES ARE RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT OF SIR DAVID J. OWEN ON "THE FUTURE CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF HONG KONG."

MASS RUMANIA ARRESTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest reports allege that General Antonescu amidst new difficulties with the Iron Guard is making mass arrests in an attempt to stifle the opposition.

It is also alleged that Soviet troops have taken up positions along the Rumanian frontier in the Moldavian sector and are prepared to enter the country if the Antonescu Government should fall.

In one of the most sensational arrests, the Rumanian Government took into custody Anna Marin, widow of the former Iron Guard hero who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Officials alleged that she had eight guns and hundreds of rounds of ammunition hidden in her bathroom. — International News Service.

C.O. OF DOOMED BATTALION MURDERED

COLONEL HSIEH CHING-YUAN, COMMANDER OF THE "DOOMED BATTALION," WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT, SHANGHAI, THIS MORNING BY TWO INTERNEED MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION, WHO ALSO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND.

The assailants were overpowered and handed over to the police by other internees.

They claimed they did the stabbing because of the "bad conduct" of the two officers. — Reuters.

SIR DAVID OWEN recommends that the majority of the members of the proposed Harbour Trust should be other than Government officials, with an independent paid Chairman.

In the first place, the Report recommends that the Trust be carried on as a three-year experiment, to enable the Trust to justify its existence and to enable such modifications as might seem necessary as the result of the experience gained.

"To put it on a low level," says Sir David, "the Trust could do no harm in that period."

Following is a summary of the recommendations contained in the Report:

(1).—That a Body to be called the "Hong Kong Harbour Trust" be established as soon as possible.

(2).—That the constitution of the Trust be as under:—

Three Government officials of high standing, to be appointed by the Governor.

Three British subjects connected with the trade of the Port, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the General Chamber of Commerce.

One person interested in the trade of the Port to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

One independent Chairman, being a person of business experience and, if possible, with a knowledge of Port affairs, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the members of the Trust at a meeting duly held for the purpose.

(3).—The Harbour Trustees, other than the Chairman, to be unpaid, but the Chairman to be paid a suitable annual fee.

(4).—This Body of Harbour Trustees to remain in being for three years as an experiment.

Trust Control

(5).—The matters over which the Trust would have control to be:—

Leasing or letting of piers. Construction of new piers as and when necessary, and the charges therefor.

Lights and buoys (Navigation), and the charges therefor.

Mooring buoys, and the charges therefor.

Ferries, and the royalties, etc., therefor.

Dredging the Harbour as required from time to time.

Licensing of Pilots. Regulation of Harbour traffic and the promulgation of the necessary by-laws for this purpose.

The general policy of the Harbour.

(6).—The rents of the piers, the charges for the use of mooring buoys, the charges levied upon the ferry owners in the form of royalties, etc., and the light dues to

The dismemberment of Yugoslavia is expected to be announced in a day or two as the result of the Vienna conferences.

Apparently, Italy is to get Montenegro, part of South Serbia, Dalmatia, all of Slovenia, except the German minority area.

Bugaria will take Macedonia and the remainder of Serbia, and Hungary will be given her pre-war territory back.

Croatia will remain "independent" but smaller.

The situation in Zagreb remains very tense, for Dr. Matichak, whose whereabouts are unknown, retains the support of ninety per cent. of Croats who remain in Zagreb.

The Croats are outspokenly opposed to the Italian seizure of Dalmatia and may even now fight in attempt to prevent it. — International News Service.

be paid to the Trust.

(7).—No charges or rents to be levied by the Trust without the consent of the Governor thereto having been first obtained.

(8).—The necessary staff for the

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EYE-WITNESS STORY OF THE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF TRIPOLI

Over Five Hundred Tons Of Shells Poured Into Port

(Reuter's Special Correspondent Aboard the Flagship of a Battle Fleet of the Mediterranean Fleet)

FOR 50 MINUTES YESTERDAY, I WATCHED BATTLESHIPS AND LIGHT UNITS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET PLASTER ITALY'S MAIN NORTH AFRICAN PORT OF TRIPOLI WITH 553 TONS OF SHELLS.

The bombardment which began shortly after dawn on Monday was the heaviest of the war. The results so far confirmed from air observation, include hits on destroyer berths with one destroyer badly damaged, five merchant ships burned out or sunk and at least four others hit and set on fire.

The Spanish Quay, which was one of the principal objects of the bombardment, received two 15-inch salvoes with two further probable direct hits from 15-inch guns. This was followed by ten minutes of continuous hits from lighter armaments resulting in the destruction of warehouses and offices.

Further damage was done to the power station and railway station and an army stores depot, while a large building, thought to be an army headquarters, was seen to collapse.

Finally, a large fire was left blazing following hits on an oil-fuel depot.

Apart from these successes, pilots of the Fleet Air Arm also scored heavily during the five days we have been at sea.

They shot down two shadowing planes and four large German troop-transports were forced down into the sea, and badly damaged a large Dornier flying-boat. During the operations we lost only one fighter. Otherwise there was no damage nor casualties.

Convoy First

The operation for which we went to sea obviously was for covering certain convoys, which was successfully carried out.

It was not until the third day at sea that the Commander of this ship announced his intention to bombard Tripoli early the following morning.

Our first two days at sea were entirely uneventful. We were joined by other units of the fleet which a few days previously had carried out a bombardment of the Cyrenaican coast and had sunk five merchantmen with their escort of three destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

Air Clash

On the morning of the third day, the Fleet Air Arm had its first success when one of Italy's newest type of planes was shot down.

The same afternoon, a formation of three large slow-moving planes, presumably en route to Benghazi from Sicily, were sighted astern. British fighters immediately gave chase, whereupon two more enemy planes were sighted. All proved to be Junkers 88's—large triple-engined, troop-carrying planes.

The combat was too far from me to watch but I learned afterwards that the fighters shot down four of the planes before running out of ammunition. It was in this fight that one of our fighters was lost.

Submarine Warning

Towards dusk that day, a submarine was reported in the neighbourhood and British destroyers dropped depth-charges for over an hour, but no effects were observed.

Decks were cleared for action of all unnecessary gear, pictures, shelves, bookcases and doors were stripped from the ward-room. So far we had been extremely lucky and had not received any air attacks.

When darkness fell, the enemy apparently still unaware of our intentions, we altered course and went full-speed ahead for Tripoli.

Opening Phase

While still two hours' distance from Tripoli, we could see violent anti-aircraft fire and flaming omens as the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm had already begun their attack, engaging the port defences while we took up position for bombardment.

We also passed a fully illuminated hospital ship about 10 miles from Tripoli but it was very unlikely that she saw the blacked-out battle as the moon had not yet risen.

Although the raid carried out by British planes had failed to start any big fires, the large number of green, blue, yellow, and white flaming omens sent up by Tripoli defenders provided ample guide as we approached.

For fully half an hour, I watched an intermittent barrage against our aircraft as we gradually crept near the shore. A solitary Italian searchlight tried to pick out an encircling aircraft which was continuously dropping bombs and flares.

Half an hour before the naval bombardment was due to begin, I left the flight deck from which I was watching the progress of the raid, and climbed into an after 15-inch control tower which was my action station.

Eerie Watch

It was a most eerie watch in this small circular control tower situated immediately above the 15-inch after-gun turrets. The only light came from instrument panels and glare from slowly dropping flares through narrow observation slits.

Wearing white helmets, and long white gauntlets, we waited for the zero hour of 0500. The sea was dead calm. Slowly moving ships sent out long ripples as they took up positions, preceded by destroyers. The last quarter of the moon appeared just over the horizon dead astern. The

night was brightly starlit. Visibility ahead had been good as we approached within 11,000 yards of the shore, but the preliminary bombing raid had thrown up clouds of dust and smoke.

Drifting Past

It was nevertheless possible to pick out a large two funnel ship lying in the harbour before our first salvo crashed into the town, sending up large columns of dust. That was the signal for all ships to open fire. We hardly seemed to move as we drifted past the target firing on almost the same bearing for 25 minutes. Throughout this period, no opposition was encountered.

All efforts by the defenders appeared to be centred on shooting down the numerous flares which the British planes were dropping in batches of 12, lighting up the town. An unceasing stream of multicoloured flaming omens rose from the smoke-smothered town. They looked like necklaces leaving strange patterns in the sky as they floated up in a gigantic fire-work display.

Blotted Out

Soon, not only the coastline, but also the dim forms of the ships astern were completely blotted out by a pall of smoke but the British gunners had their range. After 25 minutes, we altered course and swung our guns to starboard. Not till then did the enemy shore batteries open fire on us. All our ships continued firing for a further 25 minutes until 0550 hours.

Flashes were now visible from two shore batteries and there was an unpleasant sound of shells whistling overhead. As the bombardment progressed spotting became more and more difficult and we did not learn the full results until late that afternoon.

My last impression of Tripoli as we drew away was a solid blanket of smoke and sand. Flames and dense clouds of smoke were rising into the sky as an oil-fuel depot blazed furiously. Our firing range was about seven miles and one ship alone fired over 150 tons of shells into the port.

With less than two hours of darkness in which to withdraw from the Tripoli coast, we were prepared for a most unpleasant day.

We did not expect to sit down for a mid-day meal and ships' cooks had been busy the previous evening preparing cornish pasties for a picnic luncheon, but the immediate retaliation we expected did not materialise.

'Planes Shot Down

We sighted an enemy seaplane which our fighters promptly destroyed and a large Dornier flying-boat which was forced down into the sea and took off again only to be forced back into the sea badly damaged.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, as we were hastening towards our base, three Junkers 88's came over but before they reached gun range, our fighters intercepted them. One was shot down and the port engine of the second set on fire. — Reuter.

GERMANS RAIDING EAST ANGLIA AND N.W

There was some enemy air activity round the British coast in daylight yesterday.

An Air Ministry communique states that the raiders were mainly active near the East Coast. A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.

Enemy planes were reported over East Anglia and North Western England last night. Reuter.

ABSURD RUMOUR QUASHED

A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell enjoys the full confidence of the Government, and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was given in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Moyne.

The rumour in question had been mentioned by Lord Elibank, who said that it apparently arose from the recent visit of the C.I.G.S., Sir John Dill, to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that Sir John Dill's visit was in accordance with the normal practice whereby personal contact between the highest military authorities at Home and in the field is consistently maintained. — Reuter.

U.S. AID IN THE WAR

A call for further aid and material to be furnished to the nations of Europe was made in a speech by Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, at a St. George's Day luncheon yesterday in Ottawa.

He declared that Canada and the United States were prepared to defend not only the coastline of North America but the seas for over 900 miles from the shore.

Referring to aid for Europe, he said that he was hopeful that more and would be forthcoming as a result of the Hyde Park declaration issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King which announced the pooling of the defence resources of Canada and the United States to ensure the most effective aid to Britain.

Referring to the change in military technique, Mr. La Guardia concluded: "Uniformed forces of the army and navy, no matter how courageous, cannot win a war any longer."

"Wars to-day are won by the people at home, people raising food in the fields and workers in factories producing weapons," Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SORTIE

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS CARRIED OUT TWO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RAIDS FROM TOBRUK ON MONDAY NIGHT. SAYS A BRITISH HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE FROM CAIRO.

Seventeen Italian officers and 430 other ranks were captured while our own casualties were slight.

One enemy field gun was destroyed in the Sollum area.

Our patrols and artillery are continuing their offensive activities. Reuter.

JAPANESE DENIAL

A spokesman of the Netherlands East Indies Government yesterday denied the reports that the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. Van Kleffens, will visit Australia, according to a Japanese report. — Reuter.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FLEET

IN A ST. GEORGE'S DAY broadcast yesterday, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield said: "How great is the responsibility of the fleet to-day? How much greater than it should have been?"

"If only Britannia had not slept during those peace years but had rebuilt her navy sooner, many seamen's lives and many millions of tons of vital cargo would have been saved!"

"In the past, a handful of British soldiers changed the history of the world."

English seamen in small ships have driven great enemy fleets off the seas.

"Our foes have been surprised to find our young generation as superior in fighting efficiency to the German. I need not mention valiant as it is a fight by which this great generation of Englishmen will ever be remembered in history."

Lord Chatfield concluded: "What we have done before we can do again. We shall win through." — Reuter.

AIR ACTIVITY IN ABYSSINIA

Fighter aircraft of South African Air Force yesterday destroyed one Caproni over Debra Markos, while at Almoat (a landing ground), aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron destroyed one S70 and two CA133's by machine-gun fire. — British Wireless.

Hitler No Nearer Goal

FURTHER REINFORCEMENT OF MANILA

The United States troop transports "Mariposa" and "Washington" are expected to arrive in Manila in May.

The "Mariposa" is expected about May while the "Washington" will arrive later, both bringing large detachments of troops.—Reuter.

HOLD FAST CALL BY PREMIER

"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Tsouderos, to the Greek Nation.

He said: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men."

"The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

"In this tragic but great moment when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King, worthy symbol of the great struggle that the nation is pursuing, I am truly proud of this political and national move which illustrates in the fullest possible the unconquerable soul of Greece and proclaims the firm determination of us all not to give in to the invader."

Struck In The Back

"We are defending ourselves against unjust aggression of unprecedented baseness. To save a cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of a hundred million struck us in the back."

M. Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, glorified and a greater nation from these trials.

"Moreover, the moral strength of our country has never in the past reached the heights attained to-day."—Reuter.

Yugoslav Decision

The Yugoslav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with the other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr. Eden told the House of Commons yesterday that the Yugoslav Government is now established, having given formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory has been won.

Britain, added Mr. Eden, firmly intends to restore the independence of Yugoslavia, and in the meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.—Reuter.

Dr. Matchek

Asked if he had any information on the whereabouts and safety of Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, Mr. Eden said: "I regret I have none at present."—British Wireless.

MEANING OF SUCCESS IN GREECE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

ANOTHER KING AND Government have been driven into exile — another little country has been overrun and almost submerged by the ruthless power of Germany's panzer divisions.

But despite this success, which it is not necessary to belittle, the Germans cannot be said to be much nearer their goal.

Britain is Hitler's main enemy. The subjugation of Yugoslavia and the conquest of Greece, which is by no means yet achieved, cannot weaken Britain or strengthen Germany.

It is true that small forces of British troops have been involved in the Greek campaign. These forces are still fighting with undiminished confidence, although how long they will be able to hold out remains to be seen.

Weight Of Numbers

It was obvious to any military eye that the British force was of limited strength when no attempt was made to hold the passes covering Salonika.

It is reckoned that the Germans disposed of 25 divisions as well as four fully motorised divisions, while the Italians had almost as many in Albania. The total Greek forces were much smaller and sheer weight of numbers was bound to tell in the Axis favour.

It is learned on good authority that both the British and Greek casualties have been comparatively small. The Germans had claimed 80,000 prisoners in Western Thrace, but authoritative Greek circles declare that the bulk of the Greek army in that area was safely evacuated by sea.

ONE GREEK FORCE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS BEEN CUT OFF IN THE EPIRUS MOUNTAINS AND HAS CAPITULATED.

Morea Stand

The remainder of the Greek Army is still fighting on the British left wing and there are grounds for hoping that they will continue even should the Pass of Thermopylae be overwhelmed.

The isthmus leading to Morea suggests an easily defensible position where, if adequate air protection is available, the battle could continue with ever mounting costs to the Axis.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIA PURSUIT CONTINUES

A Cairo communique on operations in Abyssinia states:—In the Ambasagi sector, our northern column is making progress while our southern column continues to press back the enemy holding strong positions covering Dessie.

In the Asosa and Gambella areas, our patrols have again gained contact with and are harassing the enemy.

In southern areas, our pursuit of the retreating enemy is continuing, while patrol activities are steadily increasing.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI TERRORISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Terrorism flared again in Shanghai yesterday as the homes of three pro-Chungking magistrates of the First Special District Court and the pro-Nanking Lien Yih Bank were bombed by different groups of desperadoes.

One watchman was injured, one terrorist was captured. The judges are now living at the Court.—International News Service.

GREEK KING AND GOVERNMENT IN CRETE

"THE CRUEL DESTINY of war to-day compels us and the Heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful Government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete from where we will be able to continue the struggle."

It is the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity, laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we have suffered from two empires," said King George of the Hellenes, in his message to the Greek people.

"Our will and that of the Greek Government and people as already affirmed in manifold fashion calls for resistance to the end of the Greek people, which despite the unequal nature of the struggle, particularly after the invasion, opposed the enemy with the support of the British forces that came to our aid and fought so brilliantly and are still fighting on Greek soil for a just cause."

"Though exhausted after six months' victorious hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continue the struggle against the German offensive with unheard of heroism."

Epirus Mystery

"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the Commander-in-Chief and the Government. This signature in nowise binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining with us to safeguard our national interests."

Continuing the Struggle

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able to freely, from Free Greek territory, continue the struggle against the invaders until the final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concluded by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, to remain faithful to the idea of one country, united and indivisible, free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."—Reuter.

Arrival Announced

King George and the Greek Government have arrived in Crete, Athens Radio announced yesterday, states Reuter from London.

NAZI SPIES ARRESTED IN CUBA

According to a report reaching London, a Nazi spy organisation has been discovered in Cuba.

A number of people have been arrested, including a man said to be an officer in the German army.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLE OVER TOBRUK

Royal Air Force fighters intercepted a large force of enemy aircraft over Tobruk on Tuesday afternoon and although greatly outnumbered shot down two Messerschmidt fighters, a Fiat fighter and a Junkers bomber.

Other enemy aircraft were badly damaged.

Continued attacks on enemy mechanised forces in Cyrenaica were made throughout Tuesday. Machine-gun attacks on German motor transport vehicles resulted in heavy casualties and much confusion to the enemy.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs were dropped on two moles and a direct hit was registered on one ship. Other shipping was also damaged.—Reuter.

QUISLING TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN NORWAY AND RUSSIA, ACCORDING TO THE QUISLING COMMISSAR OF COMMERCE, CHANESSEN, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The agreement, states the Norwegian Telegraph Agency, provides for the exchange of goods to the total value of 40,000,000 kroner.

Norway will receive supplies of corn, cake-meal, fuel-oil and cotton in exchange for industrial products.—Reuter.

CAIRO NEWS GIVES LONDON SATISFACTION

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT in a Cairo communique that the forces of the British Empire are consolidating their new defence positions in Greece has caused satisfaction in London where hazardous operations, carried out against overwhelming odds, have been followed with closest interest and some anxiety.

These forces comprise British, Australian and New Zealand troops, sent to Greece at the request of the Greek Government after Germany had occupied Bulgaria.

They were, in the words of King George of the Hellenes, in the eloquent message he has addressed from Crete to the Greek people, "rushed to our aid and fought and are still fighting gloriously on our soil for a just cause."

The course of the subsequent fighting was adversely affected by the rapidity with which the Germans succeeded in overwhelming the organised military resistance of the Yugoslavs which made it possible for the Germans to direct their main effort through the passes of the central Balkans against the flank of the Allied forces.

Nevertheless, there is nothing but admiration in London for the heroic resistance which the Yugoslav forces made under the great difficulties which the betrayal of the Serb, Croat and Slovene peoples by the Tsvetkovitch Government had created.

It is indeed, true that in those few days of gallant struggle "the honour of our flag has been saved" as King Peter declared in his message to his people before leaving to establish the seat of the country's Government beyond the control of the German armies.

Original Plan

The forces of the Empire were originally defending the northern provinces of Greece, disposed so as to support the southern flank of the Yugoslav army.

In the course of the withdrawal which afterwards became necessary, determined action by covering forces inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The front of the Empire forces never broke despite the weight of the enemy's armoured forces and his superiority in numbers.—British Wireless.

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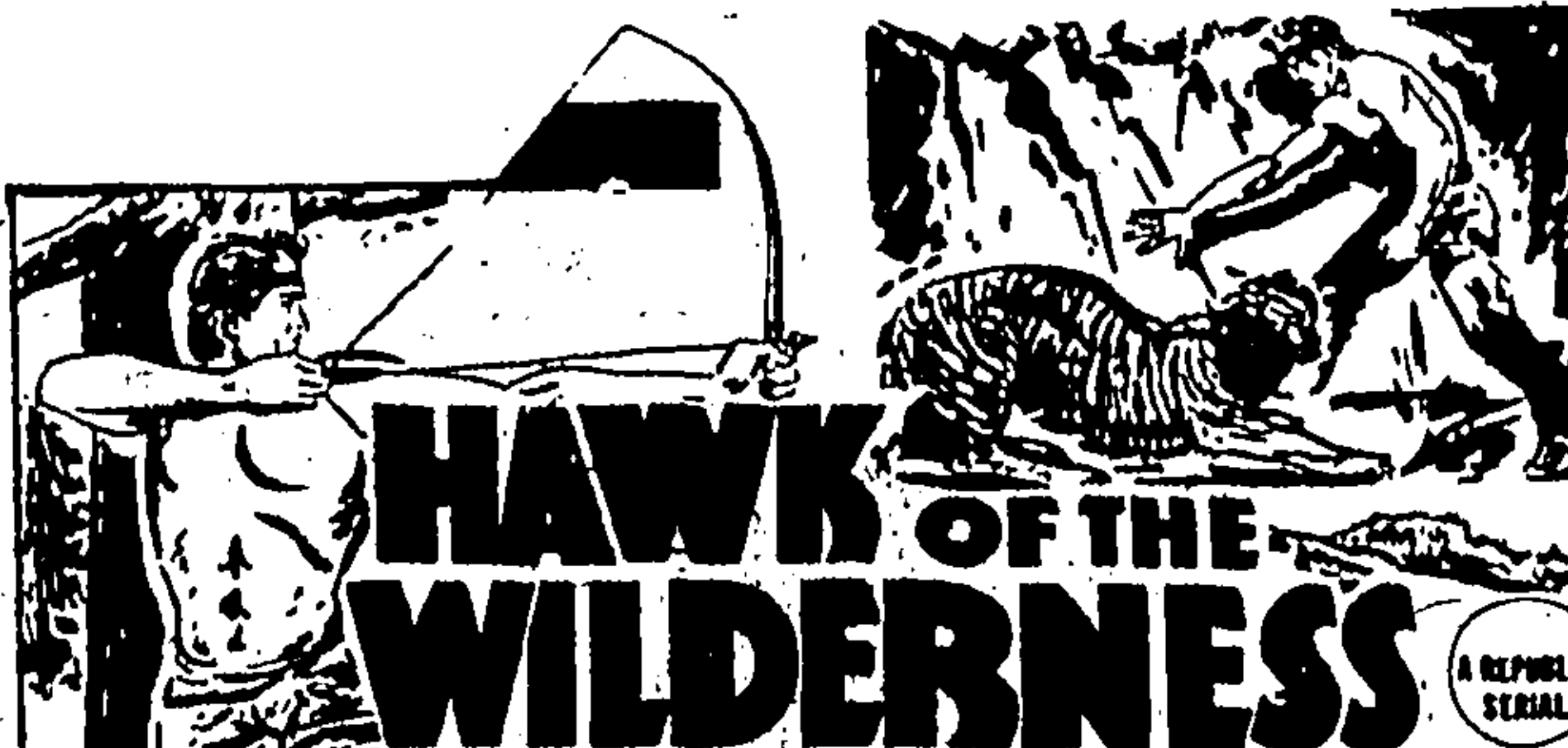
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NEARLY THOUSAND AMERICAN 'PLANES REACH R.A.F.

NEARLY 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the Royal Air Force and only one aircraft has been lost on the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords yesterday. We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It was a very big aeroplane, faster than a Stirling and carried a fine bomb load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 326 engines.

There naturally had been a drain on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy, but our disappointment thereon is dissipated by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and likely to be developed and extended and possibly we shall soon be able to fly our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Dispersal Policy

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed.

Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants on a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings, in which the Germans had claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity, have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants have been out of the bombed area altogether.

Large Reserve

Rapidly as the Royal Air Force is expanding, strengthened by the flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage shows a satisfactory position.

Of the five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent.

We are not satisfied with that and think the Royal Air Force is entitled to a reserve of 200 or 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding increasing supplies from America, our own production must continue to be of first importance.

In February, we produced more operational aircraft, bombers and fighters, than ever before.

In March we achieved another record, with two and a half times the production of last year. The March output exceeded our target programme.—Ruter.

Technical Advance

Paying a tribute to the scientists and technicians, Lord Beaverbrook spoke of Squadron Leader Gardner, who, engaged on bomb-designing, loaded his bomb on an aircraft which he flew over Emden. Here he dropped his bomb and at ten o'clock next morning was recounting his experiences in technical terms.

Speaking of engines, the Minister described those of American manufacture as "indeed most valuable and of excellent quality."

The Sabre engine, he said, was perhaps one of the greatest engines ever produced, and he continued: "We are working types that will be quite surprising in the power that can be delivered from limited size and small weight."—British Wireless.

AIR FORCE KEY MAN INJURED

One of Lord Beaverbrook's "back room boys"—the trio who, in virtual obscurity devise the Royal Air Force's implements of aggression—has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.

This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords yesterday, reviewing the Royal Air Force expansion.

The man is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23 last described as a designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs, and beautiful bombs."

DURING THE FIERCE BLITZ AGAINST LONDON ON APRIL 16, COMMODORE HUSKINSON LEFT A SHELTER AND STOOD WATCHING THE EFFECTS OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS.

Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry."—Reuter.

availed themselves of the opportunity. Many Camberwell people have taken the advice of their A.R.P. warden to wear their masks for a time every day.

THEY LINE UP FOR GAS MASK TEST

More gas masks are now to be seen in the buses, trains and trams in London and the provinces, and people are testing their masks or going to A.R.P. centres to have them inspected.

Others are wearing their masks for ten minutes every day. The Premier's warning of the danger of gas attack has had good effect.

One London borough has set an example to the rest of the Metropolis. Ealing claims to have achieved an almost 100 per cent. inspection of gas masks throughout the borough.

"The borough has been given the once-over," an Ealing A.R.P. official said.

Asked if the general public were willing to go into the gas chamber to ensure the efficiency of their respirators, the A.R.P. man said that hundreds had

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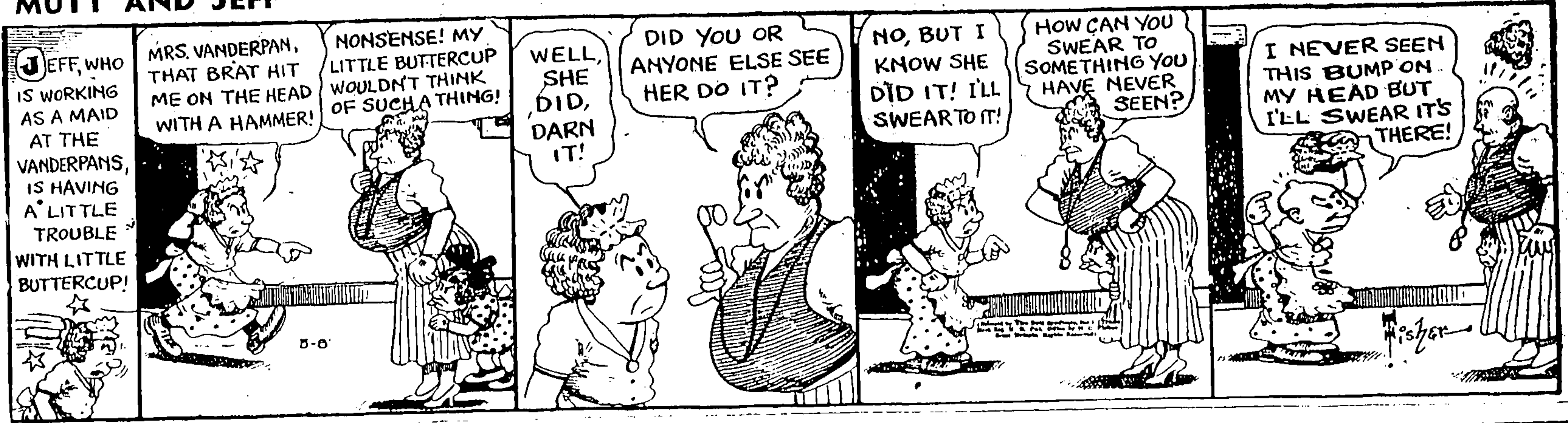
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FAST MTB'S FOR BRITAIN

About 20 fast torpedo-boats are ready for delivery to Britain and are possibly on the way now, according to Colonel Knox, the Navy Secretary.

The boats are capable of going at over a mile a minute, he told a press conference in Washington yesterday, adding that they will be transported across the Atlantic.

Colonel Knox also revealed that the United States is negotiating for the construction in Canada of a number of war-ships, probably corvettes.

He pointed out that any war-ships built for the United States might be handed over to Britain under the Lease Lend system.

The decision will be reached when the ship near completion.

Questioned regarding American aid for Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic, Colonel Knox said that he understood that larger and faster freighters have been seeking independently to run the gauntlet of U-boats and bombers for some time. -Reuter.

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED AND SUNK

It is officially announced by the Admiralty that the armed merchant cruiser, H.M.S. "Rajputana" has been torpedoed and sunk.

She is a sister-ship of the Rawalpindi. -Reuter.

BULGARIAN ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

The Bulgarian Minister at Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedeagach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Free French Agency. The Agency also reports that part of the British Colony in Aieni has arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor. -Reuter.

NAZI MENACE IN IRAQ

Replying to a Commons question, Mr. Eden declared yesterday that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and to the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

Mr. Morris Jones (Liberal Nationalist) asked whether Mr. Eden would see that no Foreign Office sensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out bag and baggage immediately.

Mr. Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had power and authority to take action. -Reuter.

STRUCK AT POLICE OFFICER

A leper, Au Wing, 24, was charged before H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing a brass boiler from No. 59, Hennessy Road, yesterday.

Fung King was charged with receiving the boiler, and with assaulting Sgt. J. Lewis at Tai Wo Street.

It was stated that about 5.30 a.m. to-day, Sgt. Lewis stopped Fung in Johnston Road and found a brass boiler in his possession. Defendant broke away and started to run. He was caught after a long chase. But he struck at Sgt. Lewis, who with the help of another policeman, took him to the Station.

First accused was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour for the larceny, and second defendant, to three months' hard labour.

MISSIONARY BEGINS TEST CASE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A test case was opened in the British Court in Shanghai yesterday when a missionary, Dr. C. W. Rankin, filed a complaint against the "North China Daily News" for publishing advertisements for a Refugee Lottery run by the French authorities.

The newspaper has pleaded Not Guilty.

Dr. Rankin is seeking to abolish the lottery, which was established in July, 1928, to help half a million Shanghai destitutes. — International News Service.

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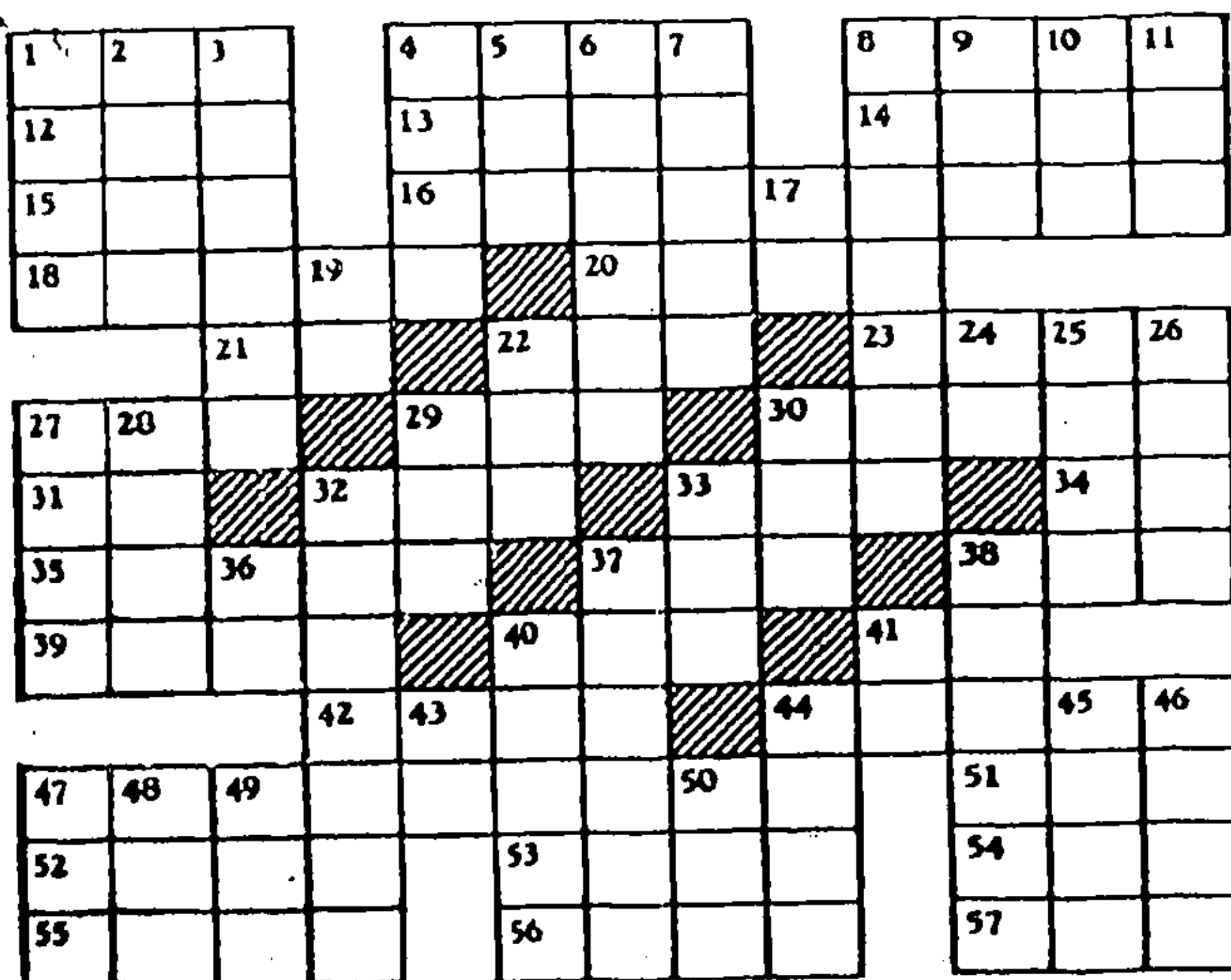
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39 Affectation
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Capitulation Of Greek Army Of The Epirus

THE AGREEMENT on the capitulation of the Greek forces in Epirus and Macedonia was issued last night by the Italian High Command, and reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of Epirus and the Greek forces in Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek officers shall keep their swords and equipment. All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners meanwhile will be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in Continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

Spoils Of War

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under the command of their officers and shall take early measures to carry out the capitulation. Supplies and services for the Greek prisoners shall, for the time being, be maintained by the Greek High Command.

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the armies of Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute the spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay. — Reuter.

Differing Figures

The Germans and the Italians are unable to agree on the number of Greek troops that have surrendered.

The German News Agency, which says that the armistice came into force at six o'clock last evening, says it was signed near Salonika, and adds: It is estimated that between ten and twelve Greek divisions have surrendered.

The Italian Agency says the surrendered forces number between sixteen and eighteen divisions — the greater part of the Greek Army.

Vichy Estimate

In London, it is stated that authentic figures of the extent of the capitulation are not yet forthcoming. The military commentator of the official Vichy news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December.

This, says the commentator, accounts for the greater part of General Papagos' forces and leaves only a few Greek units in line co-operating with the British forces. He thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains, the Gulf of Patras and the Ionian Sea. — Reuter.

WED-LEFT HIM NEXT DAY

A husband whose wife left him the morning after the marriage in July, 1936, was granted a decree nisi on the ground of desertion by Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court yesterday.

He was Malcolm Finlayson MacFadyen, of York Road, Ilford, Essex. His wife, Anne did not contest the suit.

According to Mr. MacFadyen's case he was a barman when the marriage took place, and his wife a barmaid. They spent the night together and next morning he took her to her work, but had not seen her since.

PUPPET REGIME IN FOCHOW

The Japanese have set up a new government of 20 members in Fochow with Ling Chee-ming as Chairman and Lee Meng-bing as Vice-Chairman.

It is anticipated that military yen will be adopted in Fochow at 220 Chinese dollars to 100 yen.

It is understood that in the brief transition period between the evacuation of the Chinese and the arrival of the Japanese, the premises of the late Chinese Government and houses of some of the Chinese officials were looted and demolished by unknown Chinese.

Fresh meat and vegetables are very scarce but it is understood that arrangements have been made to relieve the situation.

Large numbers of Japanese troops are passing through the city daily on their way upriver. — Reuter.

KEEP ARMY SECRETS FROM HOTEL REGISTERS

The Army Council have issued instructions on the manner in which Army officers visiting hotels must sign the visitors' books.

Only the minimum information necessary can be given, without disclosing the officer's precise unit or its whereabouts.

Hitherto, many officers have given details of the place where they are normally stationed.

BOMB-PROOF PREMISES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE CHUNGKING BANKS ARE NOW PLANNING TO OPEN BY NEXT MONDAY IN JOINT PREMISES IN THE AMERICAN MARINE DEFENCE SECTOR.

The present bank branches, scattered over the city, are to remain closed temporarily for protection of their employees.

The building of the common bank premises is to be made bullet and bomb proof. — International News Service.

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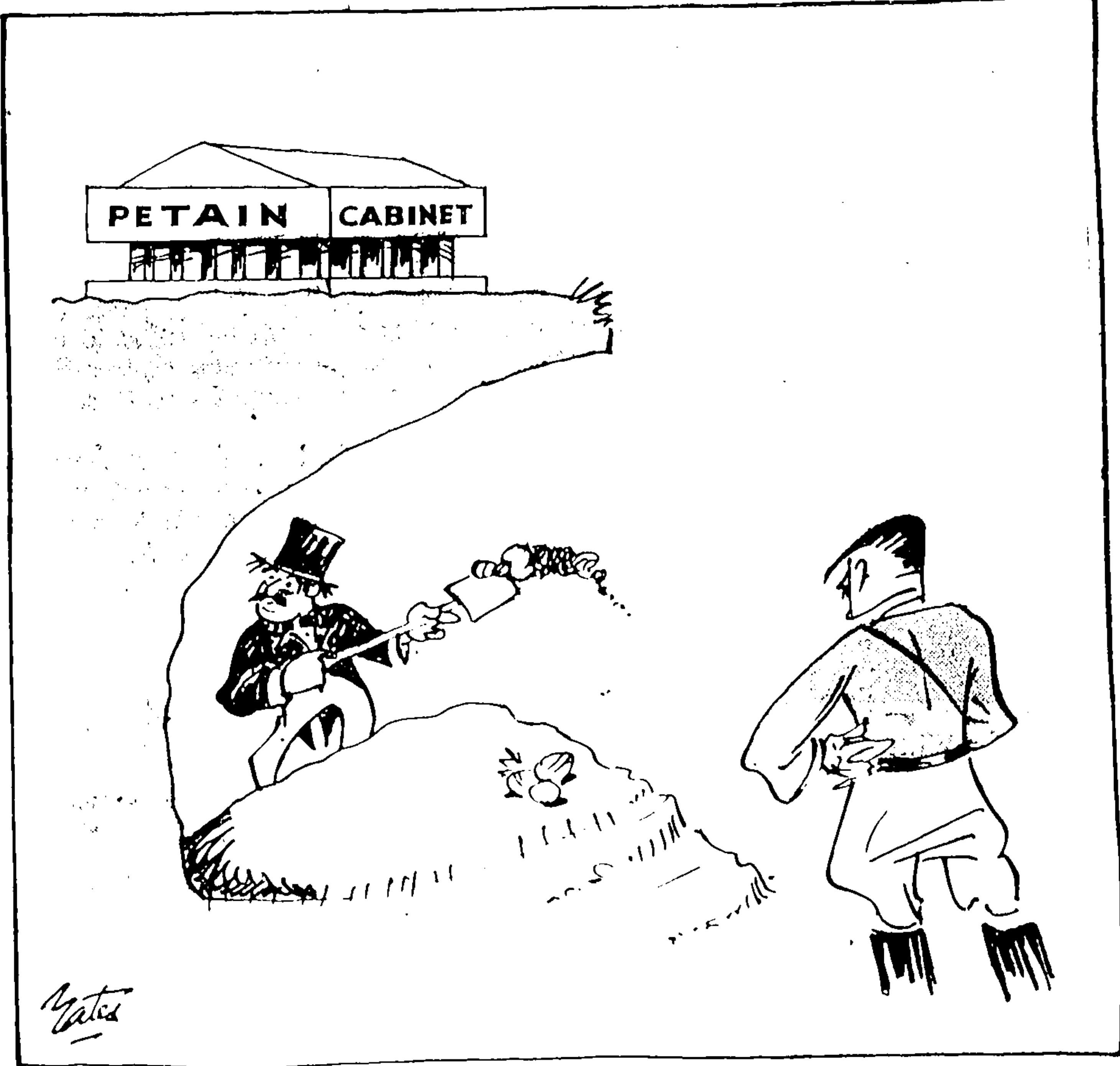
Hitler is making a determined attempt to regain the initiative in this war. He held it until last autumn but lost it when his air attacks failed to clear the way for his invasion of Britain. He tried to regain it by using Laval to hand over to him the French fleet and French bases in North Africa. This attempt also failed when Marshal Petain dismissed Laval and refused to go beyond the terms of the Franco-German armistice.

It is significant, therefore, that his operations in the Balkans should be accompanied by increasing pressure upon France and Spain to cooperate more actively with the Axis. For it means that his present preoccupations in the South-East of Europe do not mean, inevitably, plans for further aggression in an easterly direction. They may very well mean that the Fuehrer has not lost sight of the main sphere of strategy, the only sphere in which final and decisive victory can be achieved.

As yet the question remains unanswered whether the Balkan campaign and the drive in Cyrenaica, now effectively halted, have been undertaken by Hitler merely as a diversion, undertaken for reasons of prestige, or whether the move, with its potential threat to the Near East, through Turkey, and Suez, through Egypt, is intended to pin down British sea and air forces in Africa while he attempts to strike a decisive blow at Britain.

The answer to this question may depend upon the degree in which Hitler fears the increasing help given by the United States to the British cause, and his estimate of the time likely to elapse before that aid can be put to forceful practical use.

He cannot wait indefinitely; and he knows as well as President Roosevelt, who justly chides those who swing from the pinnacles of hope to the depths of despair on the basis of day to day developments, that his time is running short. He knows, as Mr. Churchill knows, that he is engaged to-day on the preliminary phases of a gigantic effort



DOING THE DIRTY WORK

Historical Background To The Crisis

The ancient world was created and moulded within the limits of the Mediterranean Sea, which was at the same time the cradle of our civilisation.

Mussolini scheming in Rome and striking against Greece and Egypt no doubt had in mind the seizure of Greece by ancient Rome in the second century B.C., and of Egypt in the time of Augustus. The phenomena reappear although the circumstances change.

The subjugation of Greece is an antiquated idea, for in the present-day world the principle of the freedom of nations and States is a leading concept, and the Mediterranean Power with its foot in North Africa is not Italy, who to-day is losing all that she had acquired over several decades, but Great Britain, who for centuries has been foremost in building up a modern world Empire.

In the mediaeval world the creation of the State of Charlemagne, which stretched from the Atlantic to the Slavonic settlements, was an event of great importance.

Adolf Hitler's National Socialism has diligently fastened on to the memories of the Carolingian State, which it arbitrarily calls Germanic, and present-day Germany revives these memories in justification of her claim to rule all Europe, from France to Poland.

In the time of Charlemagne was born the idea of the so-called

to win this war in six months—or accept defeat. It is our hope that, whatever reverses come our way, and we must expect them, we can withstand successfully whatever he may do. And then, by swinging the initiative, to impose our will upon him as we imposed it upon Mussolini in Africa.

Holy Roman Empire under German leadership, which for three hundred years from Otto the Great in the middle of the 10th century to Frederick II in the middle of the 13th century—succeeded in imposing itself on Europe. With it went two strong German claims, namely Germany's leadership in Europe and her right to rule in Italy. The National Socialism of Adolf Hitler has taken up both these claims.

Peculiar Legend

The insistence upon German leadership in Europe and in the world generally was incorporated in the bases of National Socialism.

By

Stanislaw Stronski,
Polish Minister of Information

To this end the peculiar legend of the leading Nordic race and the nation of rulers has been worked up. This idea of the "Herren-volk," ordained to govern other nations, is applied by Germany to-day in the countries occupied by her invading hordes with incredible arrogance, compared with which the pride of the Holy Roman Emperors seems moderate.

In the Middle Ages German leadership in Europe based itself on ruling in Italy and in Rome. There was in this, besides a superficial attachment to the Classic Age, also an understandable tendency to regard the Mediterranean as the key to the basis of world dominion. So Otto I delighted in residence under Italian skies and Frederick II chose Sicily as his permanent place of residence.

This recurring feature in German history is now being repeated once more in Adolf Hitler's struggle for German leadership and German rule in Europe, even more clearly and effectively than in the time of the mediaeval Holy Roman Empire. The German Reich is now laying hands on Italy. She is doing so in a very friendly way. But Otto also entered Italy as a friend and defender. However, to-day it is all happening at a much faster tempo; for in any case some 250 years passed from

Otto's solemn and occasional visits to Italy to Frederick II's permanent residence in Sicily, whereas the Germans are already in Italy and you know well what it means when Germany begins to expand.

Gazed Too Long

Mussolini has gazed too long at the Classical period of Roman history and has forgotten the lessons of the mediaeval age. The ancient Roman Empire was the work of the free Roman Nation from century to century, just as the present-day British Empire is the work, from century to century, of the free British Nation. Empires are not created in the course of activities by either Black or Brown shirts, nor by slavery and pillage, which are the distinguishing features of the two dictators' efforts to create Empires, but are created rather by the spiritual force of a free nation, bearing in itself the greatest elasticity of civilisation at the time. So Mussolini has not, after all, resurrected the ancient Roman Empire, but has lived to see the mediaeval rule of Germany in Italy.

Napoleon's Lesson

A modern phenomenon of which one is reminded to-day is Napoleon's conquest of Europe from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, and from the Atlantic to the bounds of Russia. In those days of universal autocracy oppressing all nations, Napoleon brought with him an undoubted breath of liberation. None the less, the idea of the autocratic rule of one nation over all others was alien and intolerable to millions of people.

But it must be remembered that, unlike Napoleon, Hitler brings with him only fetters and famine.

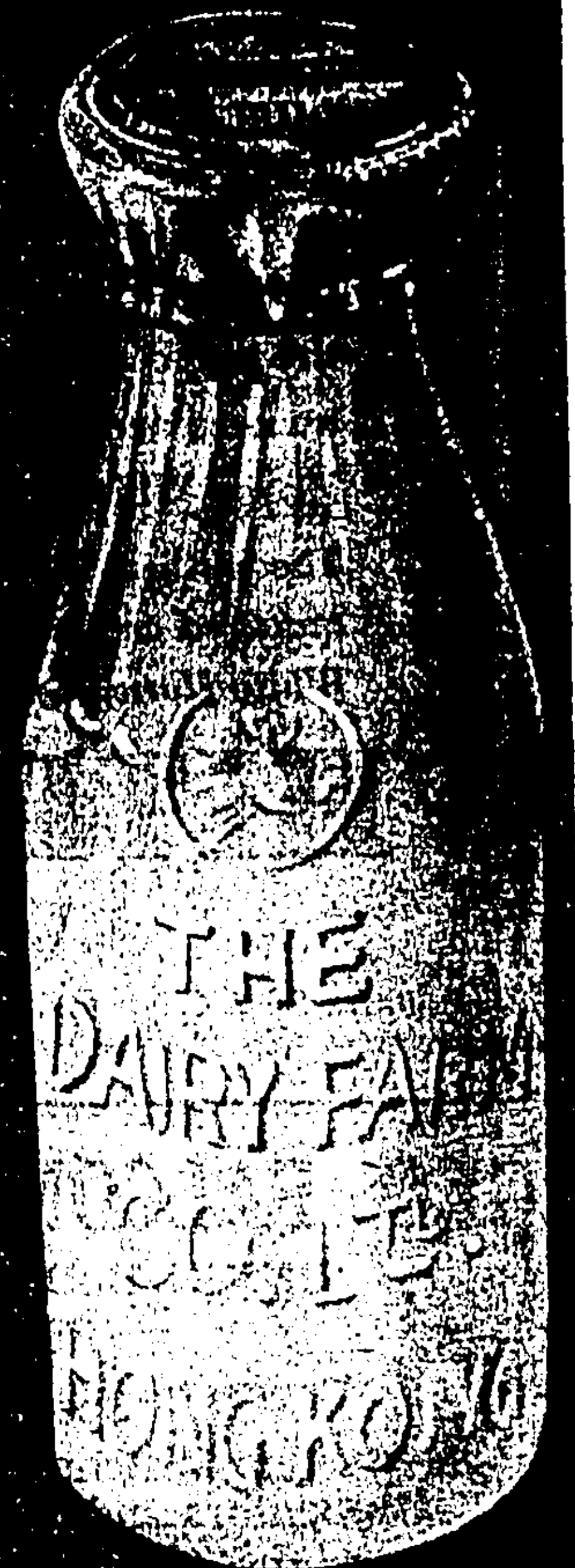
If this edifice of slavery begins to crack, the entire system of slavery will collapse. Another great lesson of the Napoleonic era is that in those days Great Britain, entirely alone, outlasted the autocratic rule of Europe, and lived to see her cause victorious.

Towards that victory she is moving again to-day with powerful strides, with the mighty impulse of sea billows, the mighty beat of her air force wings, the mighty spirit of the nation.

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GOVERNMENT'S AID MAY BE SOUGHT

A LOSS OF \$268,118.01 was disclosed at to-day's annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited.

It was hinted by the Chairman that Government assistance might have to be sought in the future for maintenance of the company's essential services if the situation does not improve.

The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong, said:

Although not unexpected, the result of last year's trading was again unsatisfactory. The loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01. This sum has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account making that account a debit of \$236,378.42 which your Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

Trading conditions remained poor for the whole of 1940. Every conceivable effort was made to maintain Company's service on an economical basis, but conditions were such that your Directors were forced to retrench further by laying up the "Taishan."

The passenger traffic in the Macao line was adversely affected by the restrictive measures against cholera. When your Directors realized that prevailing conditions demanded immediate co-operation between the river shipping companies towards an economical adjustment of the passage rates they lost no time or opportunity in trying to come to an understanding with them. No satisfactory response, however, was received to all the overtures made, and it remained for the Company to face a daily worsening situation with the hope that something might happen to bring about the desired prosperity.

Keen Competition

Freight offerings throughout the year were far from sufficient for the abnormally large tonnage in commission in the Macao line. Competition for what was available remained as keen as ever, and finally resulted in the further retrenchment on the part of Company's service. From August the "Kinsan" and "Chungshan" operated only a curtailed schedule of sailings in order to economise coal and oil.

The invasion of the Heungshan District severed all communication between Macao and the interior, and the Tsin Shan Customs Station suspended service in May. The enforcement of the embargo on rice from Hong Kong further affected freight returns.

In the Canton line the interests which the Company had in the operation of the "Fatshan" came to a stop in July when certain demands made by the Authorities in Canton made it impossible for owners to continue running her on a commercial basis.

Coal Prices

Your Directors have, as usual, been unremitting in their efforts towards the economical running of your steamers. The stock of coal which was bought at a reasonable price late in 1939 lasted the Company for the whole of last year, and is sufficient to see the "Kinsan" through to next June. It is unfortunate that the latest contract has had to be made at a much higher figure. In this connection prevailing conditions leave much to be desired, and it would seem that Government assistance may be necessary in the near future in the maintenance of our essential services if the situation does not improve.

In the course of his address to you last year the Chairman remarked that there was a possibility of the river shipping companies operating between Hong Kong and Macao forming a combine in order to do away with the suicidal competition which had prevailed for so many years past. It is with regret that I have to report that the agreement was never signed. Unforeseen developments occurred necessitating the withdrawal of a few steamers from the line, and causing some owners to imagine that the withdrawals obviated the necessity of a combine.

Macao Rates

I am, however, pleased to be in a position to report that on the

1st April, 1941, the three principal companies engaged in the Macao line agreed to increase passage and freight rates. These rates have not been brought up to a level commensurate with the much higher cost of operation of the steamers, but it is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that the sensible but belated cooperation thus exhibited by those concerned will be maintained.

Of the immediate prospects ahead of the Company I fear that they are not bright. It is true that from the beginning of this year the returns have shown considerable improvement, but conditions in the Macao line are far from being stable, and the better returns can in no wise be accepted as an indication that we have seen the last of the lean times.

Your Directors after careful consideration have decided to lay up the "Chungshan." The vessel's capacity for cargo is very limited, and with the passenger traffic subjected to not only the immigration but the cholera restrictions as well, the decision to lay her up until conditions should improve appears to be the only course open.

Taishan Conversion

Concerning the "Taishan," your Directors, in consideration of the high price of coal, are considering the question of converting her into an oil fuel burner. It is fortunate that the construction of the ship will not require more than a reasonable outlay for the conversion.

Before concluding I feel that I should once again voice the Directors' appreciation and thanks for the staffs' splendid loyalty and whole-hearted cooperation during a period of anxiety and considerable difficulty.

Those present included: the Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong, (Chairman) Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., L. B. Wood, D. L. Newbiggin, (Directors) Mr. Tung-Fan Lo (Alternate Director) Messrs. M. H. Lo, W. E. Kirby, Wei Tat, Kwan Yan Kwong, Wong Chik, (Shareholders) Mr. H. da Luz (Secretary).

HOW HITLER GOT INFORMATION

The German embassy in Athens was permitted to remain open right up to the sudden Nazi declaration of war with Greece, thus furnishing the German High Command with the exact number of British troops and supplies landed there, John MacVane, the National Broadcasting Company's representative in London, reported in a broadcast.

Mr. MacVane said that not only was Hitler supplied with detailed information concerning British contributions to the Greek Army but also he was given the exact location of English troop placements.

MORE DEATHS THAN BIRTHS

DEATHS DURING 1939 EXCEEDED BIRTHS, ACCORDING TO THE 1939 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

Births registered during the year totalled 46,625, as compared to 35,893 in the previous year. The number of deaths recorded in 1939 were 48,317.

BURGLAR RAIDS POLICE CLUB

The Police Club in Boundary Street was visited by a cat burglar between 10 p.m. last night and 7 a.m. this morning.

The burglar smashed a French window and stole liquor and tobacco to the total value of \$65.

CATHOLIC PRIEST ARRESTED

FIRST CLAIMING TO BE a Spanish subject and later, while being escorted to the Police Station, admitting that he was an Italian, a Roman Catholic priest, Francis Ricciardi appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with entering a "protected area" at Lau Fu Shan, New Territories.

Accused, who was arrested on Monday afternoon, pleaded guilty, explaining that he was not aware of the regulations. The case was adjourned to Monday for sentence.

Mr. A. M. Elston, Chief Detective Inspector attached to the Special Branch, disclosed that accused was arrested in an eating house in Lau Fu Shan district. He was in civilian clothes and when questioned by a police officer, claimed to be a Spanish subject. He could not, however, produce his papers. On the way to Ping Shan Police Station, he withdrew the claim and admitted that he was an Italian.

Accused landed in the New Territories travelling in a sampan from Nam Tau Island, and had no passport.

To Purchase Supplies

Explaining his presence in the New Territories, accused said that he came to purchase food and me-

dical supplies for his mission on Nam Tau Island. He only intended to stay for three hours and then return to the Island.

In reply to the Magistrate, accused said it was to "save my own skin" that he first claimed to be a Spanish subject.

CIANO ON WAY TO ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Count Ciano is on his way back to Rome from Vienna after a series of conferences with Hitler and Ribbentrop on the question of the distribution of the conquered Yugoslav territory. — International News Service.

ALLIED FORCE MAKING STAND IN PASS OF THERMOPYLAE

Still Inflicting Heavy Losses On The Germans

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANCHORED TO MOUNTAIN POSITIONS IN THE PASS OF THERMOPYLAE, BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS LAST NIGHT WERE WAGING A FURIOUS BATTLE TO KEEP THE GERMANS FROM SWEEPING OUT OF THE PLAIN OF THESSALY INTO ATHENS.

Immense losses continue to be inflicted upon the Germans, according to Anglo-Greek advices from the front, as the Germans continued to throw infantry recklessly into the battle.

All authoritative information indicates that the Allied withdrawal has been halted and that the Greek and British troops are attempting to make an effective stand in the same area where 2,421 years ago Leonidas held off the Persian hordes. — International News Service.

The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It was pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances is limited and considerable damage have been done to them by both sides.

This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the Germans' tempestuous push which enabled the British forces to carry out the successful withdrawal to the new line.

Easing off may also have been due, it was stated, to heavy losses suffered by the Germans.

ONE GERMAN DIVISION TAKEN BACK TO RUMANIA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH HAD LOST 65 PER CENT OF ITS PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL, ACCORDING TO REPORTS BY REFUGEES.

Full-Scale Attack

Reuter's special correspondent with the British Forces in Greece states that a full-scale attack by German hordes against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment.

The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in dealing with the attacks of the advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited wounded being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits though they realise they are up against it."

Air Attacks

While the British troops stolidly face the full strength of the German Army now being marshalled for attack, they are being dive-bombed and machine-gunned from sunrise to sunset by the German Air Force.

Two British soldiers are back in the British lines after being taken prisoners. They escaped and on crossing to safety, they spoke of the amazing audacity of the German troops.

German tanks, they state, are not camouflaged, but are painted black with a red swastika. Transport is not convoyed and masses of material, guns, tanks, all jumbled together are pouring along the lines of communication, making good bombing targets.

Cairo Statement

It is reliably stated in Cairo military quarters that German pressure on the British forces eased off during Sunday and Monday, enabling the withdrawing troops to consolidate their new position.

But the respite is not expected to last, though the advanced German elements must be near exhaustion. It is not believed in Cairo that the surrender of the Army of Epirus affects the main Greek force.

German Claim Modified

German troops south of Lamea are reported to be 56 miles from Athens, according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale D'Italia."

A Stefani Agency telegram states that firing ceased last night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the terms of the armistice agreement. Reuter.

Air Cooperation

Reconnaissance aircraft were actively engaged supporting our troops on the ground and our fighters carried out many offensive patrols with successful results. Enemy air attacks on our aerodromes were heavy but the damage was slight. Ground defences brought down four dive-bombers (JU87s) and one Dornier and damaged several others. — British Wireless.

MATSUOKA TOUR QUESTIONS

Mr. Matsuoka did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, during question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr. Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe, Commander Bower (Conservative): "Is Mr. Eden satisfied that Mr. Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?"

Mr. Eden: "I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other States. I feel sure the Japanese Ambassador does his task." — Reuter.

SEVERE NAZI LOSSES

German losses in Greece are extremely heavy according to reports reaching Ankara.

Travellers from Bulgaria state that the German troops in Sofia can hardly believe their eyes as they see masses of wounded arriving.

THE WILDEST ESTIMATES OF GERMAN LOSSES ARE CURRENT IN SOFIA, ONE PUTTING GERMANS KILLED AT 80,000 AND WOUNDED AT A QUARTER OF A MILLION. THESE MAY NOT BE CREDITABLE BUT THEY DO SERVE TO INDICATE THAT THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN SEVERE AND BEYOND ALL GERMAN ANTICIPATION.

Nothing is known in Ankara about the reported German occupation of Lemnos and Samothrace, but well-informed circles consider it likely that the Nazis will attempt to capture all the Greek Islands which, in conjunction with the Dodecanese, afford useful jumping-off bases for aircraft.

Although the war is now approaching Turkey's sea coast as well as the land frontiers, the Turkish public remains cool and its spirit is summed up in the words of one leader of public opinion who said yesterday: "If attacked we will fight to the last man; we have taken all precautions; let the aggressor remember he will not take us by surprise." — Reuter.

PRISON CAMP COMPLAINT

A charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany are living in an old cellar with no plumbing, sanitation or daylight, was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr. R. K. Law, stated that information had been received about unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything possible was being done through a protecting Power and there was no further means of bringing pressure on an unscrupulous foe. — Reuter.

MR. KESWICK LEAVING FOR HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Mr. W. J. Keswick, former chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council and head of Jardine, Matheson and Company in Shanghai, is leaving for England to-morrow. — International news Service.

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The FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 26th April, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V BRAGA
Acting Secretary
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941



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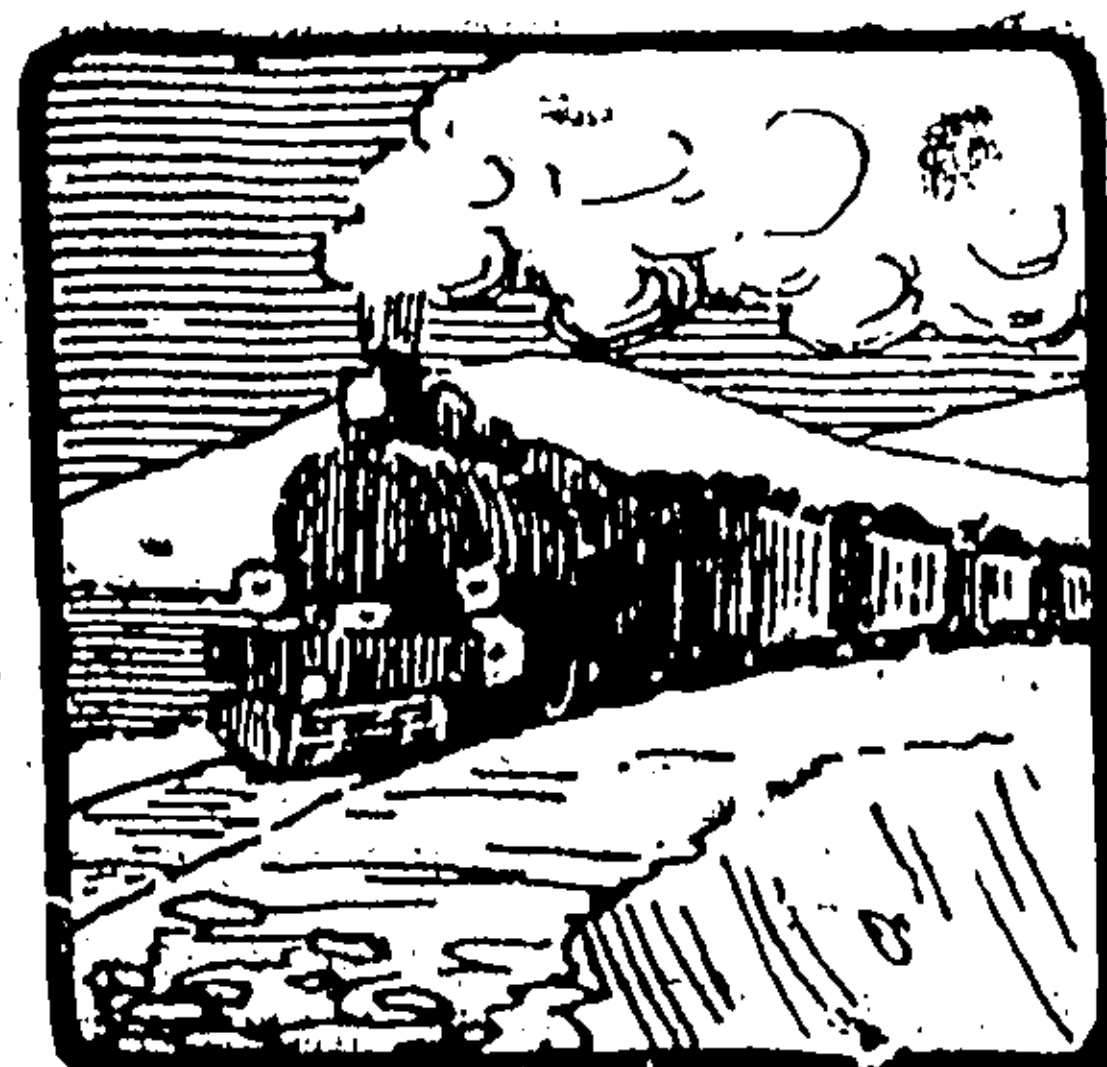
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BRIDGE NOLES

THE COURAGE OF ONE'S CONVICTIONS

By The Four Aces

It's all very well to understand what's going on when you play bridge, but there are also times when it's necessary to stand by your opinions even at considerable risk. For example:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 40 part score

♠ Q 9 8 5 4
♥ Q 4
♦ A K
♣ K 7 6 3

♠ K 10 6 3
♥ 2
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 6 2

♠ A J 7
♥ K 7
♦ Q J 10 9 5
♣ A Q 4

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

The bidding was rather good, for the Slam contract was pretty logical and not especially easy to reach. When East doubled, South almost redoubled for he knew that East was asking for a spade lead in the mistaken belief that he was behind the top spades. And South's impression

of the reason for the double was confirmed when West led a heart, for East's face showed unmistakable disappointment.

Keeping these convictions in mind, South put up dummy's heart Queen, and East won with the Ace of hearts. The return of the deuce of hearts went to South's King, and then South began to falter. He was practically certain that East held the King and ten of spades, but suppose he were wrong? A losing spade finesse would let West in to run a "million" hearts, and after all South was vulnerable and doubled.

So South decided to run his diamonds first, and that decision cost him the Slam. After he had run the diamonds and the three top clubs, he led the spade Queen from the dummy and captured the King with his Ace. But when West failed to follow suit, there was no longer an entry to dummy for another spade finesse. If South had played spades earlier, in accordance with his convictions, he could have taken a second finesse to make his Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A 7 5 2
♥ 10 4 3
♦ Q K J 9 8
♣ A 8

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Mater	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Your partner must have a strong five-card heart suit and a good hand to bid vulnerable at the level of two. Your hand should contribute enough tricks to make game fairly easy.

Score 100% for four hearts. 50% for three hearts. 40% for two no-trump.

Question No. 698

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 8
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Mater
1♠	Pass	(7)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

STORY OF A STOLEN COLLIE

The Hong Kong Society of the S.P.C.A. has recently been instrumental in finding in Hong Kong and returning to Shanghai a valuable Scotch collie—named "Rex" which the Shanghai Society had reported as having been stolen in Shanghai and taken to Hong Kong.

The Secretary of the Shanghai Society in a letter received two days ago, writes as follows regarding the reception of the collie in Shanghai.

"On Easter Sunday the owner of 'Rex,' Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, wife of Cav. Uff. Raffaele Ferrajolo, of the Italian Embassy, our Inspector and myself met the ship and took delivery of 'Rex.' When the ship was coming alongside her berth at the Roosevelt Terminal we heard a loud bark. Before we saw the dog, who was being led by a foreign lady passenger on the boat deck, Mrs. Ferrajolo said: That is Rex's bark. He recognised his mistress before she saw him. When the ship was moored, we went on board and the affection shown for each other by mistress and dog compensated for all the trouble in bringing them together again."

FRENCH WHEAT CROP

AN INCREASE IN THE WHEAT CROPS, BOTH IN UNOCCUPIED AND OCCUPIED FRANCE, FROM 7,800,000 ACRES IN 1940 TO 10,000,000 ACRES IN 1941 WAS ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH AT LIMOGES BY THE VICHY SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE, M. CALJOT.

He added that the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient through dear foodstuffs amounting to 40,000,000 quintals, equivalent to sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle. Mr. Caljot thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening. Reuter.

HARBOUR CASES

Five boat mistresses were charged before Commander T. C. Stiff this morning, with using grappling irons and other means for the purpose of dredging coal from the sea bed, off the Kadoorie Estate Coal Yard in the Yau-mati Typhoon Shelter.

They were each fined \$10 or ten days.

For boarding a ship in harbour without permission, Cheung San Yung, spinster, was fined \$50 or two months.

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LAST DAY'S SALES

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CAUTION ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange is very cautious, and apart from a little lowering in gilt-edged securities, price changes are few and business idle.

Industrials ruled fairly steady and oils and home rails are also about unchanged while amongst the Kaffirs, non-producers are occasionally offered.

Spanish four per cent. bonds declined from 42 to 38 1/2 while Japanese and Greek stocks are also dull but Egyptian unfixed are higher. Wall Street was dull. Reuter.

SEAMEN MISSING

Two seamen, Richard Donovan, aged 35, and a Russian by the name of Tickoff, were reported missing from their ships yesterday.

RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Strauss—"Le Beau Danube" Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Meet Uncle Sam".

7.30 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Operatic Duets.

"Die Meistersinger"—Sachs and Eva Duets (Wagner)—See, Ev'ning Where, methought, can she be? A shoemaker's life is a life of care. Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano) & Friedrich Schorr (Baritone) with Orchestra.

"Aida" (Verdi). Heaven! My Father! Duet (Giacca) & Giovanni Inghilleri (Soprano & Baritone) with Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—The London Philharmonic Orchestra with Maurice Mareschal (Cello).

Legende Op. 59, No. 3 (Dvorak).

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting The London Philharmonic Orch.

Serenade Espagnole (Glazounov); Apres Un Reve (Faure) & Maurice Mareschal (Cello).

Suite de Ballet (The Origin of Design) (Handel) (a) Bourree, (b) Rondeau, (c) Gigue, (d) Musette, (e) Battle and Finale. Sir Thomas Beecham & London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Indian Lament (Dvorak). Dimanche de Paques sur la Mer (Easter Sunday at Sea) (Dupont) Maurice Mareschal (Cello).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Plantation Songs.

Campdown Races. Uncle Ned. Ring de Banjo. Old Black Joe. Frank Luther & the Ian Murray Quartet.

Neillie Bly. Hard Times Come Again No More. Oh! Susanna. Massa's in de Cold. Cold Ground. Frank Luther & the Ian Murray Quartet.

9.45 p.m.—London Piano Accordion Band.

Six Hit Medley—Intro: Roll Along Prairie Moon. Girl with Dreamy Eyes. My Dance, Easter Parade. Dancing with My Shadow. She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue... with Chorus.

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods). One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver & Others). At the Close of a Long, Long Day (Moll & Marvin). With Vocal Chorus.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot (Peter) Peter, Waltz One Tiny Tear. Ray Noble & his Orch.

Fox-Trot The Only One Who's Difficult is You (film "Band Wagon"). Slow Fox-Trot Melody Maker (film "Band Wagon"). Jack Hilton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots A Blue Canoe for Two; The Lady's in Love with You (film "Some Like It Hot") Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Quickstep "Tahit What You Do; Slow Fox-Trot East Side of Heaven (from the film) Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

Fox-Trots An Apple for the Teacher; Still the Bluebird Sings (film "The Star Maker") Larry Clinton & his Orchestra.

Tangos Summer Evening in Santa Cruz; Dear Madam... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—You Grow Sweeter as the Years Go By; Tears from my Inkwell... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Comedy Waltz—The Village Band... Ray Noble & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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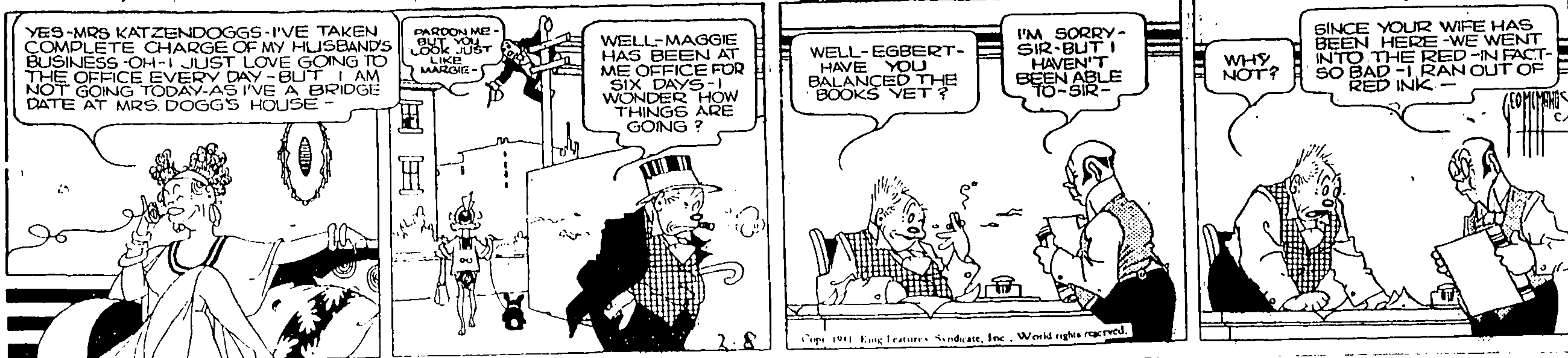
In his letter to Macleans, this gentleman says: "In six weeks I walked out of that hospital a new man." And no operation, either! You can imagine the jump-for-joy feeling of the stomach sufferer threatened with an operation who finds he has been cured without one. Well, you don't need to go very far to get the benefit of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. You can buy a bottle from your chemist for use in your own home.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

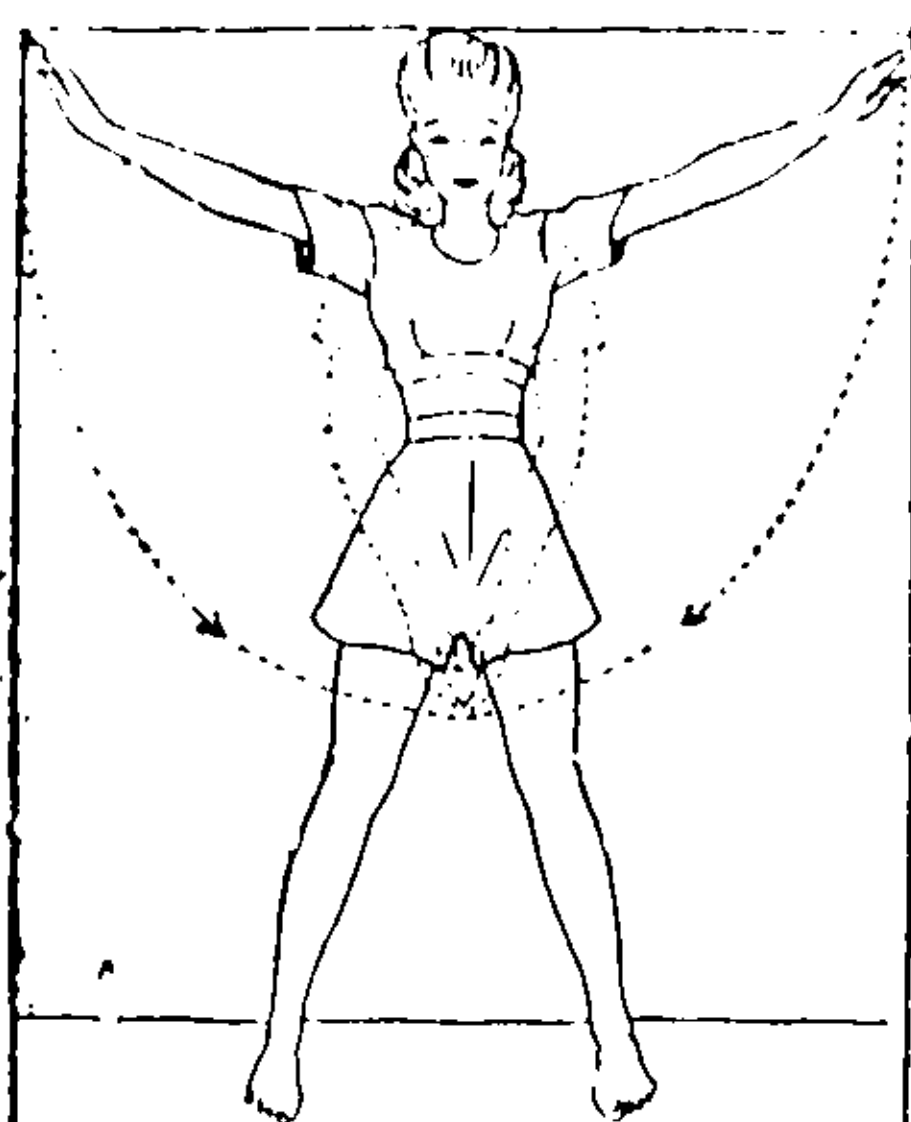
Torso Slimming Exercise

Older women who have neglected to exercise too many years must begin a refashioning routine with movements which do not strain them. Much harm can be experienced from strenuous movements if your body has not been gradually limbered first.

Swimming is an excellent means of limbering gradually and may be followed by more strenuous reducing and refashioning exercises such as hip slapping and waist stretching.

To-day I present two safe exercises for any older woman, or for a woman who is recuperating from an illness.

The first is a grand all-in-one for acquiring control of one's torso, it should be practiced in stocking feet and loose clothing.



Stand with legs apart, hands touching in front of body. Swing

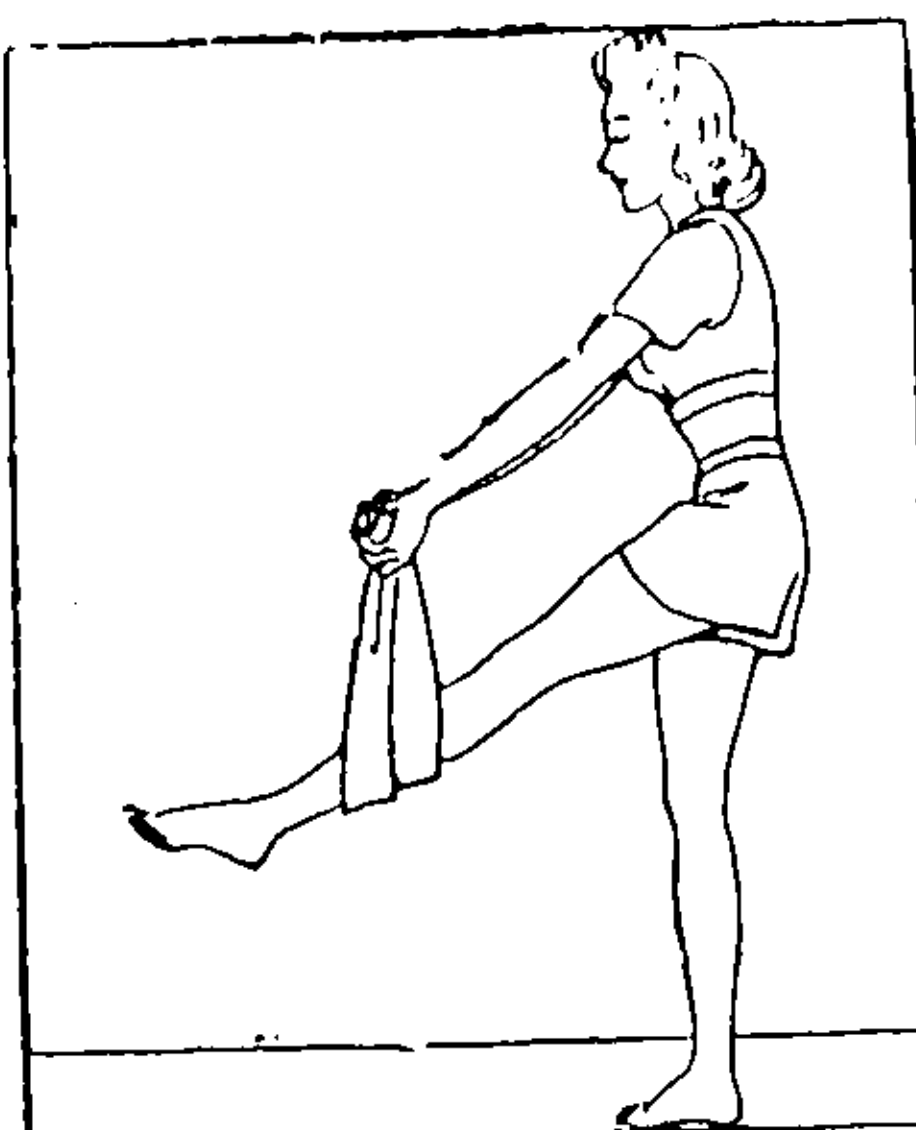
arms high and back, swing them low and let them cross each other. KEEP ELBOWS STRAIGHT AND KNEES STRAIGHT as you swing rapidly and for twelve times. Relax and repeat. ALSO HOLD YOUR ABDOMEN IN AND UP.

This exercise, though simple, is splendid for reducing the legs and for acquiring a steady balance which encourages body poise.

Grasp a turkish towel in both hands. Raise left leg out stiffly without bending knee. Loop the towel under your ankle and pull it briskly from side to side as the weight of your leg rests on the towel. Relax after a couple of minutes and then loop the towel underneath the ankle and let it slide up the leg to under the knee as you briskly pull it from side to side. Relax and repeat with right leg.

Watch Posture

All the exercising in the world will not benefit you unless you make good posture an unconscious



habit. You must hold your abdomen in and up, your buttocks tucked under, your head back and shoulders back but relaxed. Act queenly — be proud of an easy erect carriage — your body functions normally and makes you healthy when held in correct posture!



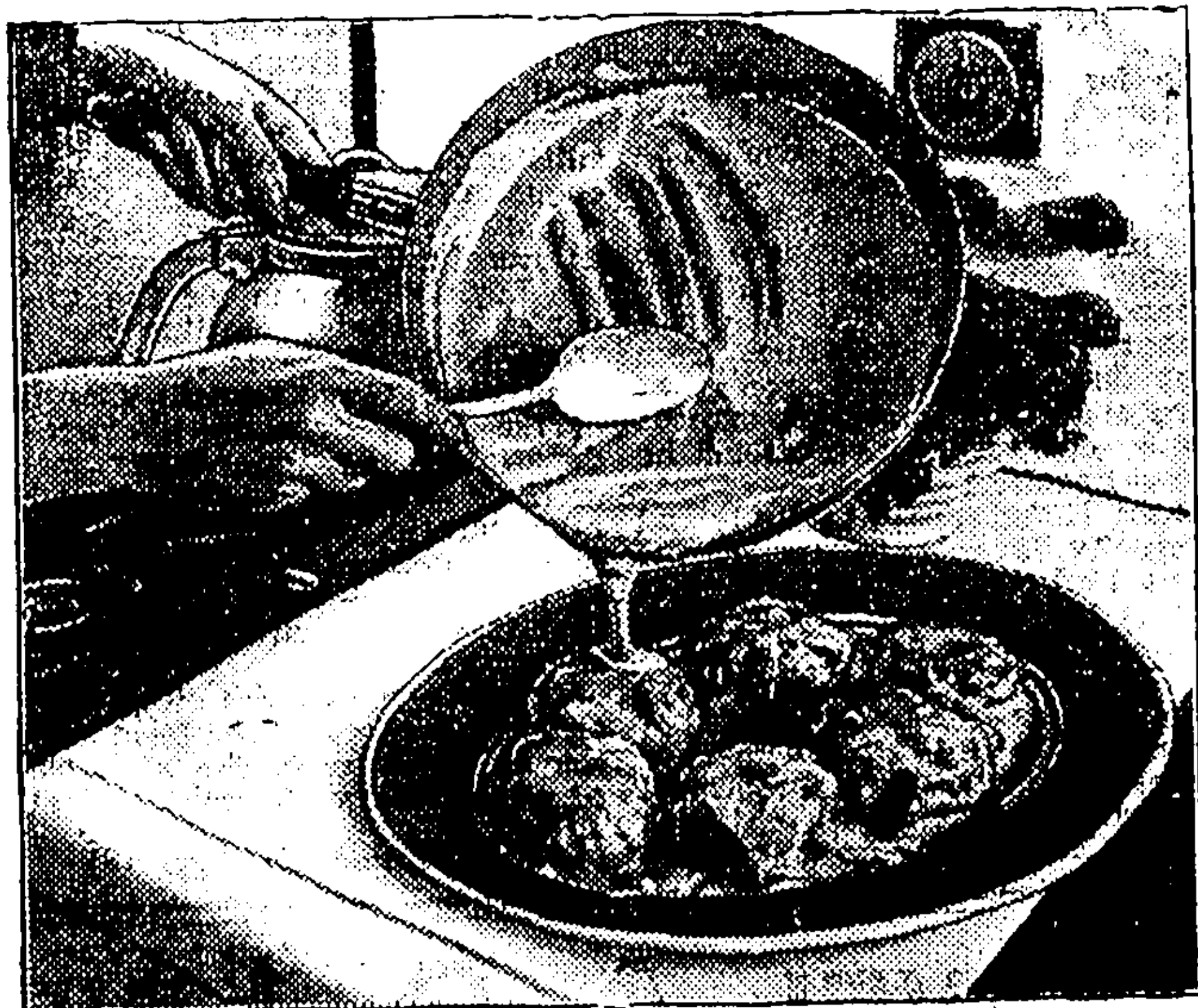
Dieting Dot says if exercise really makes for perfect form she should be the prize clotheshorse.

Savoury Meat Sauces

There's A New Way That's Speedy, Easy And Sure

says Dorothy Greig

SAUCES are one thing that many women avoid making. As a friend of mine once expressed it, "I love them on the dishes I get in restaurants but as for making the fussy, fiddling things myself, no sir!"



Creamy mushroom sauce lends zestful flavor to chopped meat patties.

There's no denying that sauces do demand time, skill and patience — if you start from scratch. But recently we have discovered we don't have to begin at the beginning. We can instead use condensed soups as a base and from them evolve some of the most zestful sauces that ever graced a dish.

You see, condensed soups as they come from the can already contain superb seasonings, skillfully blended. Therefore, the difficult and time consuming part of making the sauces has been done for us. All we need do is add a few extra flourishes.

And a fine sauce does bestow such flavor on a meat dish! Oftentimes it's the making of the dish. Take meat patties, for instance. Creamy mushroom sauce positively glorifies them. And made this new simplified way it's no trouble at all:

Mushroom Sauce:
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 tablespoons milk or light cream

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the milk and heat. Makes 1½ cups. Incidentally, this particular sauce is also delicious over many vegetables, but I think I like it best of all as a meat sauce. We all agree that hot tomato sauce does much for corned beef hash, pork chops, veal cutlets and the like.

Well, let's use condensed tomato soup for our sauce. You heat the soup just as it comes from the can and serve it thick and smooth without doing one single other thing to it. Or, for a more spicy sauce, try this:

Spiced Tomato Sauce:
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons tarragon vinegar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ground
½ teaspoon cloves
Heat and serve.

And then there is this sauce — delicious for beef meat loaf:

Mock Turtle Sauce:
1 can condensed mock turtle soup
6 tablespoons water
Heat and serve.

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(9).—The Trust to regulate its own procedure with the proviso that a quorum at any meeting should be four, and no Trustee to be allowed to vote on any question directly affecting his own or his firm's business.

Private Enterprise

(10).—The policy to be adopted by the Trust to be that of seeing that adequate and proper facilities are available in the Harbour for ships and their cargoes, but to allow approved private enterprise to provide these facilities as far as possible and also to let private enterprise do its own operating. This would involve the renewal of the piers leases which expire in 1949, (except in those cases where new piers would be provided, which would require special treatment as mentioned in paragraph 89), and the issue of new leases as occasion arose.

(11). Every future lease should stipulate that the lessee is to use the pier only for the purpose of his own business, and that no sub-letting is to be allowed.

(12). A statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Trust to be published annually.

(13). During the experimental period of three years, any surplus of revenue over receipts to be paid over to the Government and any shortage to be recouped by the Government.

(14). At the end of the experimental period of three years, if the Harbour Trust is found to function satisfactorily, it should be established on a permanent basis, with the same constitution and duties, subject to any modification that may be deemed to be desirable in the light of the experience gained.

Praya Scheme

(15). That Connaught Road from its junction with Queen Victoria Street to its junction with Queen Street be widened by reclamation and 13 new piers constructed in lieu of the existing piers which would be demolished; and that a reclamation, with new piers in front, be made from the junction of Connaught Road with Queen Victoria Street to the junction of Connaught Road with Murray Road. The cost of the reclamation and of any piers for Government use, to be borne by the Government, but the cost of the other piers to be borne by the proposed Harbour Trust.

(16). That negotiations be entered into for the removal of the Royal Naval Depot from its present position on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula to some other suitable site.

Naval Depot

(17).—In due time, when the ocean-going trade of the Port expands to such an extent as to require further accommodation, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company to be encouraged to provide more pier and godown accommodation to the northward of their present premises on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula, the Naval Depot having, it is assumed, been by then removed. The question should also be considered of providing transit sheds, passenger accommodation and railway sidings on any new piers constructed. The railway connections would necessitate taking over the Military lands south of Austin Road and moving the Military elsewhere. A tentative scheme of new piers in that locality is shown in the plan.

(18).—That the work of reclaiming land from the waters of the Harbour be undertaken by the Government and not by the proposed Harbour Trust.

Reclamations

(19).—That it is desirable for the Government to carry out the following works of reclamation as soon as practicable:—

(a) Filling in the present Typhoon refuge harbour at Mong Kok Tsui (167 acres) and filling in about 143 acres at Cheung Sha Wan, together with the formation at the latter place of a new Typhoon refuge in lieu of the former.

(b) A small reclamation at Yau Tong Wan in order to accommodate ship and boat building yards, that would be displaced at Cheung Sha Wan.

(c) About 214 acres at Taun Wan.

(20).—That a reclamation at Ngau Tau Kok, adjacent to the area at Kun Tong now being slowly reclaimed by the dumping of

town refuse, be included in the programme of development for carrying out at such time as circumstances indicate, with road and rail connections as required.

Air Port And Railway

(21).—That consideration be given to the possibility of removing the Air Port to some other place say in the New Territories, in order to avoid so costly a reclamation scheme as would be necessary to enable the Air Services to develop at their present site.

(22). That the removal of the railway station at Kowloon from its present site, to a more suitable site, be considered at some suitable future time.

(23). That in due time when the traffic increases to such an extent as to justify it, a new vehicular ferry service be established with a pier opposite Marsh Road, Hong Kong, and another pier opposite Gillies Avenue, Kowloon.

Real Question

The real question says the Report is, "The measures by which the Port could in future be developed and controlled to the best advantage of all persons and interests, dependent on its services." "Control" is the first point and of course, development, physical and otherwise, is bound up with it. The vital point is who should control or administer the Port?

It seems to me that there are three courses open, and three only, they being:

(a) To allow matters to remain as they now are;

(b) To adopt some improved method of Government control;

(c) To establish control by some form of Port Authority or Trust.

Course (a) "To allow matters to remain as they now are" obviously requires to be cleared up first of all, because if the present state of affairs should be proved to be perfectly satisfactory then (b) and (c) need not arise.

As things are, the Government of the Colony may be said to control or administer the Harbour, as they own all the land and have granted the leases under which the piers for shipping have been constructed, and they have laid down mooring buoys for vessels, as well as providing navigation lights. Apart from this there has been very little control or administration, it having been left to private enterprise to do all else that was necessary, and it must be admitted that private enterprise has succeeded to a remarkable degree in meeting the needs of the situation.

Not An Entity

So far as the Government is concerned, the Harbour is not treated as an entity in itself. The accounts of the Harbour are not kept separately, so that it is impossible easily to compare the revenue derived from it with the expenditure on it, but it would appear that the revenue from light dues, buoy dues, rents of piers and ferry royalties exceeds any expenditure which should be charged against it.

Hong Kong owes its trade and prosperity largely to its magnificent Harbour, so much so that it may be said that the Harbour is the Colony and the Colony is the Harbour. Jealous eyes have been cast at it, hence we hear from time to time of schemes for the establishment or improvement of other Ports, with the object of robbing Hong Kong of its trade.

All this makes it important that the Port of Hong Kong should be carefully nurtured by keeping its facilities adequate, and, above all, the burden of its charges as light as possible. Here I may remark that I am struck by the lowness of the charges which the principal godown Companies are able to make, they being lower than those at any of the many Ports of which I have knowledge.

If things are to remain as they are, the Government presumably would have to renew the pier leases on their expiration, for such further periods as they thought fit and at appropriate rents, which could reasonably be higher than those at present in force, so giving security of tenure to the leaseholders and enabling them to develop as they saw fit in the future.

Private Wharfage

So far as the larger ocean-going vessels are concerned, there would not seem to be any fear that private enterprise would not meet the situation if the leases were renewed, but it has to be remembered that there are other services coasting and river—that are not in such a satisfactory state as regards their accommodation. There are many piers that have been allowed to get into a bad condition, private enterprise not having dealt with them too kindly. Private enterprise may provide all that is necessary for a section of the trade, but fall short in other directions.

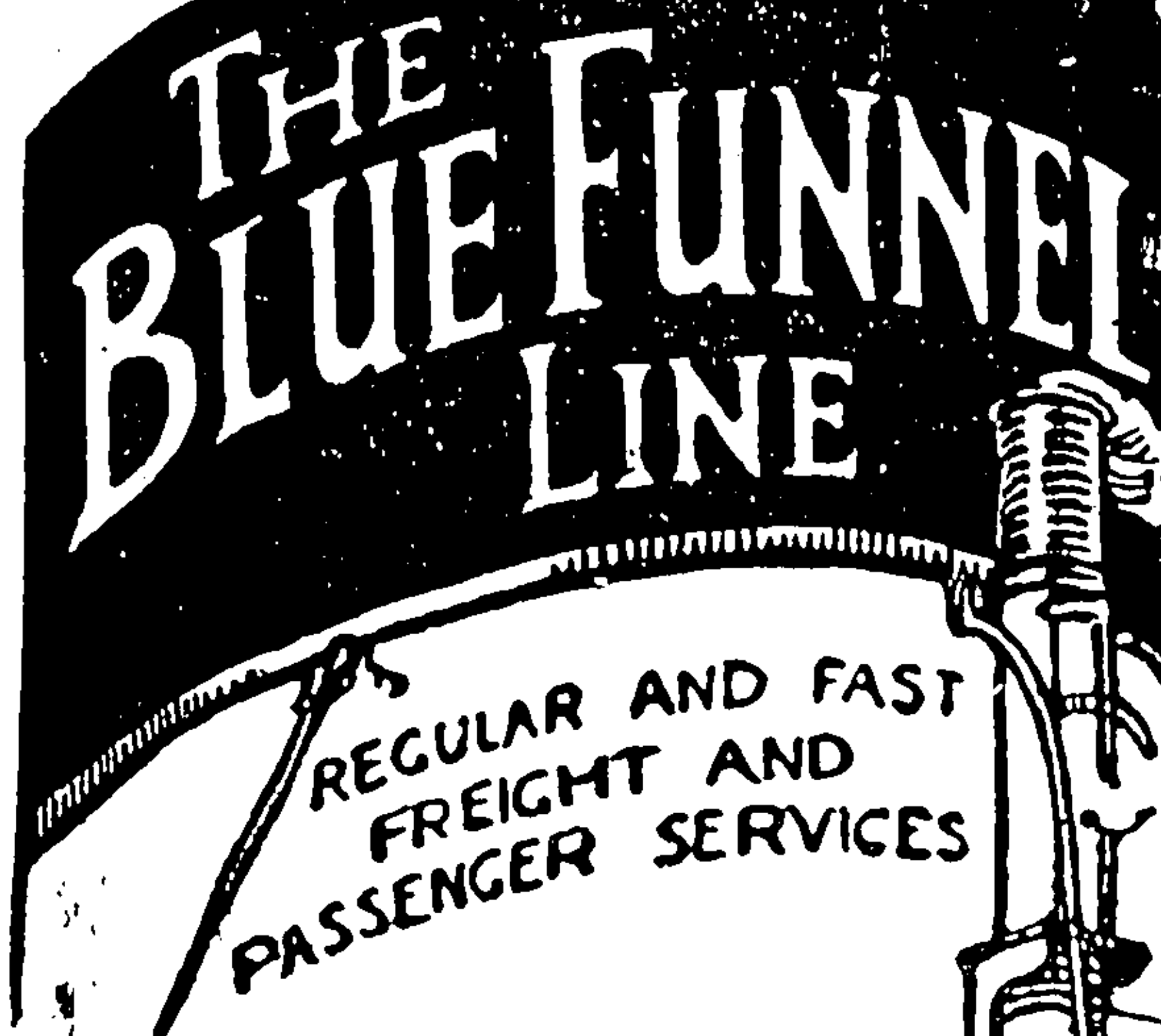
I think that the doctrine of "laissez faire" well describes what has been the attitude of the Government to the Harbour, and, taking everything into consideration, I am of opinion that, in the best interests of the community and of the Colony in its broadest sense as a source of supply of trade to the Empire at large, it is not desirable to allow matters to remain as they are.

Control Issue

The course (b) therefore, requires consideration, that is, whether some improved method of Government control could be devised. One way would be to form a special Government department for the purpose of controlling the Harbour, with possibly an outside Body to advise on Port matters. There are not many Ports in the British Empire run by the Government, in fact, I believe this is the case only in South Africa where the Government there own and control all the railways and harbours. A Minister of the Government is responsible and directly under him is a General Manager in charge of the railways and harbours. This system does not prove altogether satisfactory to the commercial community, although the Government of the country is on a democratic basis and members of the Legislature can air the grievances of their constituents. In Hong Kong there is no form of democratic Government. Control of the Port, even by a special department of the Government of Hong Kong, would in effect be bureaucratic control, and that form of control is not highly regarded now-a-days. It is feared that it would hardly make for cheapness.

I therefore rule out direct Government control in the form mentioned, even with the assistance of an Advisory Committee. It is

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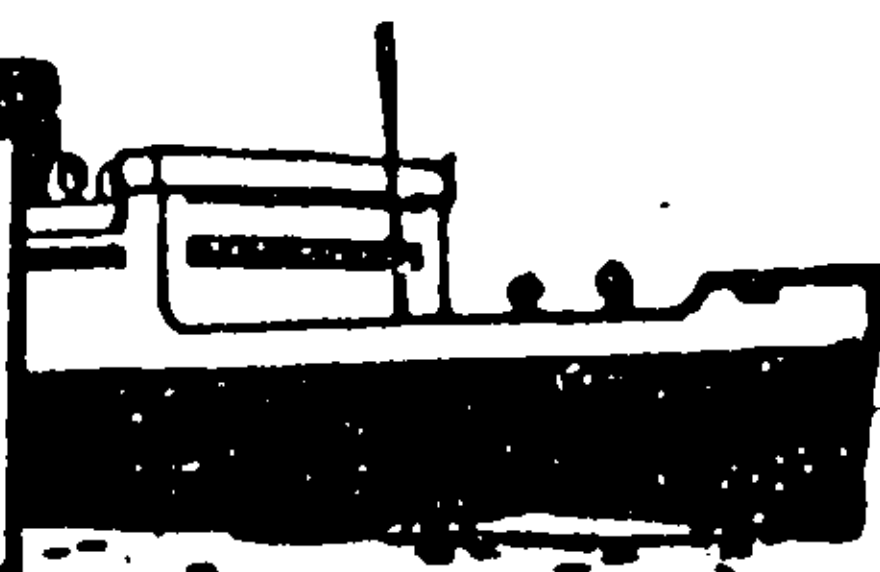
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HONG KONG HARBOUR TRUST PROPOSED

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interesting to note what has been done in Hong Kong in that way, for it clearly indicates, as it were, a groping in the dark for some solution of the Port problem. I can only remark that in some respects the constitution of the first Advisory Board seemed hardly a happy one. For instance, the appointment of a Government official in the person of the Harbour Master as the Chairman, could scarcely be expected to lead to the best results, and this not from any personal point of view, but from that of his office.

Misconception

There remains, therefore, course (c) to be considered, that is, whether some form of Port Authority or Trust would meet the case. There is a wide-spread fear among the mercantile interests in the Colony that such a Body would inevitably increase the charges on vessels and goods, and this seems to be founded on the assumption that the creation of such a Body would mean the acquisition by that Body of all the piers and godowns and the operating of them by that Body. I must, however, point out that by no means is that necessarily so.

The misconception may perhaps have arisen from a statement made by Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson & Mitchell, Consulting Engineers, who were asked to advise on certain Port matters some time ago. In their Report dated 24th November, 1922, they spoke of the possibility of the "formation of a Port Trust which would take over existing wharves and manage the new wharves and those taken over," the inference which might be drawn being that the formation of a Port Trust would necessarily mean their taking over and managing all wharves, etc.

One Port Authority may own and control but not operate, a striking example being Liverpool where, however, while the general operating is left to private enterprise the Authority do carry on an amount of warehousing of goods. Another Port Authority may both control and operate, as at London. No one system can be laid down as the ideal, for it entirely depends on tradition, custom and local conditions.

Pier Leases

It is, however, significant that at most of the Ports in the United Kingdom and the Empire, some form of Public Port Trust has evolved, the obvious lesson to be learned being that it has been proved to be for the best. I need only mention London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Belfast, Quebec, Montreal, Bombay, Karachi, Calcutta and Sydney, as a few notable examples of large Ports that have come to adopt the Public Trust system. Further proof of the efficacy of the Public Trust system is to be found in its extension to other spheres of activity connected with public services in Great Britain, as witness the Central Electricity Board and the London Passenger Transport Board.

Before leaving the question of the policy with regard to the leasing of piers and of allowing private enterprise to do the operating, I would like to mention that it has been put to me that there is legislation in various parts of the world, such as Australia, whereby the Authorities can prevent new enterprises being formed for putting steamers on runs when the particular run is sufficiently well-served, thereby preventing suicidal competition and waste, etc. This aspect of the matter has not been lost sight of by me. I can easily imagine a similar case arising apart from any special steamer service. It is quite conceivable, for example, that a rival concern, more or less financially sound, might be formed to compete with, say, the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company. The new concern would require a wharf or wharves and would have to approach the Harbour Trust for the necessary lease, but the Trust would be right in refusing to grant any lease for such a purpose unless it were proved that the existing facilities were inadequate. The same thing would apply if a pier were required for an unnecessary steamer service. Competition may be good in certain circumstances, but it is the generally accepted doctrine now, that unnecessary competition is bad and wasteful. In stating this, of course, I need hardly say that I hold no brief for any of the Hong Kong existing concerns, but, in the best interests of the Port, they

would be entitled to protection if such a state of affairs as I have mentioned, arose.

Public Trust

Should the accounts show a surplus, it would become a matter for consideration. In most of the Ports of the United Kingdom the Harbours were, in the early days, owned by the respective municipalities and the harbour revenues were received by the municipal services, with the result that complaints were made that the shipping using the ports paid far too much compared with the services and accommodation it received, in other words the shipping was subsidising the town. The Public Trust system altered this. How far this analogy applies to Hong Kong will be best known by the Government.

The principle underlying the Public Trust system of Port control is that shipping should only be taxed to the extent necessary to provide the accommodation and facilities it needs.

As the terms of my reference embrace the future development of the Port, I must deal with several matters concerning such development which have been brought under my notice during the inquiry.

Piers. As already stated, while the piers for the large ocean-going vessels have been maintained in a satisfactory condition there are several of those used by local shipping that are in a bad state. These bad piers are mostly situated on the water front in Victoria between Murray Road and Queen Street.

Praya Scheme

Mr Nicol has prepared a plan showing a scheme for the widening of Connaught Road between the two points mentioned, and the construction of about 17 new piers, some intended for the shipping trade and ferry boats and others for official purposes. Apart from the necessity for new piers to replace the more or less derelict ones, Connaught Road has become very congested with traffic and should be widened sooner or later. Without destruction of property, this widening can only be accomplished on the water side, that is, by reclamation of land from the water. The scheme has the advantage that it effects this widening by a narrow reclamation, in addition to providing for the building of new and improved piers. It includes also a more extensive reclamation between Murray Road and Queen Victoria Street. The roughly estimated cost of that portion of the scheme between Queen Street and Queen Victoria Street is \$7,500,000 and of the remainder \$2,700,000, making a total of \$10,200,000. This is a bold scheme but an eminently desirable one and one that I recommend for carrying out as soon as practicable. I may add that the premium on the sale of the land reclaimed between Queen Victoria Street and Murray Road is likely to be more than the cost of the whole scheme.

If the proposed Harbour Trust is to be created, this scheme would of course go before them for their approval. The Trustees from their own local knowledge would be quite able to subject it to proper criticism. I can only suggest the policy to be adopted in relation to it. The old piers that would be displaced are also shown on the plan. The leases for those piers expire with the others in the Port in 1949. The lessees would be informed of the scheme and their leases renewed on very short terms with the intimation that when a new pier was ready for them they could rent it at a certain rental. Such rental would be based on a sum representing a small interest on the capital cost of the individual pier, plus the estimated cost of maintenance and a percentage on capital cost to cover depreciation. The total rent which the occupier would be called upon to pay therefore, should not put him in a worse financial position than he would be in if he built the pier himself. If any pier lessee wished to re-build his own pier on the lines shown on the plan I cannot see that there could be any objection, in which case he would be called upon to pay a similar amount of rent to that charged to the others who built their own piers.

Number Of Years

I imagine that this scheme, if adopted, would be carried out in stages, so that the whole would take a number of years to complete. As the reclamation for the widening of the road would be for the benefit of the town, I as-

sume the Government would defray the cost of that part of the scheme, but the Harbour Trust would pay the cost of the piers and then fix an appropriate rent for them as stated above. Of course Government would be responsible for the cost of any piers required for its own use.

If the scheme is carried out then the Harbour Trust would control many new piers, but under the line of policy adumbrated, the tenants of the piers would still do the "operating" and not the Trust.

So far as piers on the Kowloon side of the Harbour are concerned, they, as already stated, are in a satisfactory condition, and extensive enough to accommodate the volume of trade now using the Port. If, however, we can assume that the European War and the China-Japan War will come to a satisfactory end some time, there does not seem to be much doubt that the trade of Hong Kong will increase. Then the matter of further accommodation will arise sooner or later, and the question as to where new piers are to be constructed will become a pressing one. Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson & Mitchell in their Report of 24th November, 1922, proposed a scheme for the construction of new piers in Hung Hom Bay on the east side of the Kowloon Peninsula. Having regard to the occupation of the land in this area, the scheme had no doubt much to recommend it. I consider, however, that before anything is done on the east side, the capacity of the west side of the Peninsula should first be exhausted. The east side is exposed to the prevailing winds and typhoons, while the west is more protected. The piers and facilities of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company are on the west side and their site may be described as the best in the Harbour for the large ocean-going vessels.

Naval Depot

To the northward of the premises there is room for about three more piers, but the site is occupied by the Royal Naval Depot. That Depot is somewhat cramped and seeing that it is not absolutely essential that it should be at that spot, arrangements should be negotiated for its removal to another site. There does not seem to be any reason why it should stand in the way of the development for commercial purposes of the really best site in the Port for those purposes. I understand that some negotiations have already taken place between the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company and the Admiralty; these will no doubt be encouraged.

In designing future piers, consideration should be given to the question of providing, on the piers themselves, transit sheds, passenger accommodation and railway sidings. The railway connections would necessitate taking over the Military lands to the south of Austin Road. The removal of the Military from their present position in the midst of a built-up area, would appear in any case to be overdue.

Reclamations

I think that the following works of reclamation should be carried out by the Government as soon as practicable:—

The filling in of the present Typhoon refuge harbour at Mong Kok Tsui (167 acres) and the filling in of about 143 acres at Cheung Sha Wan, together with the formation at the latter place of a new Typhoon refuge in lieu of the former. The total area of land thus reclaimed, would therefore be 310 acres. The new refuge would, on the whole, be better than the old one from the point of view of protection from the winds. It is true it is a little further away, but the extra distance is so small as not to be any detriment. Mr. Nicol's very rough estimate, at to-day's prices, of the cost of the whole scheme, including the reclamation and the construction of the necessary sea-walls, is \$12,000,000. I gather that the premium to be obtained on the sale of the land so reclaimed, would be likely to amount to not less than \$24,000,000, while, in addition, the annual Crown rent to be derived from the land, based on present values, would be about \$109,700. It does not seem to be necessary to emphasise the desirability of this undertaking which would give 310 acres of much needed land for development, in addition to an improved refuge harbour. At a future date, it would be well to extend this reclamation. This would then involve the rebuilding of the vehicular ferry

pier, which would be justified by the land reclaimed and the improved frontage line.

It must be pointed out that the estimates of cost of reclamation do not include anything for dealing with the sewerage problem in the vicinity of both of these reclamations. That would have to be faced but it would appear that there would be an ample margin of money available for that purpose.

Cheungshawan

The reclamation suggested at Cheung Sha Wan would displace certain ship and boat building yards now situated there, and it is proposed that a small reclamation be carried out at Yau Tong Wan (near Lye Mun entrance channel) in order to accommodate the yards so displaced. This is a small matter and I have not inquired into the cost. An approach road would be required at this site.

The reclamation of about 214 acres of land at Tsun Wan should also be carried out. This land could be made available for building sites for residential, industrial and public purposes. The average depth of filling over this area would be small and the cost is roughly estimated at \$4,750,000. This scheme would undoubtedly pay for itself.

Sewerage

I have refrained from dealing with the general question of sewerage, as it hardly falls within the terms of my reference. In suggesting the filling in of the present Typhoon refuge harbour at Mong Kok Tsui, I am aware that, apart from its other advantages, such reclamation will have the effect of clearing away an area of still water heavily polluted with sewage.

There are other places in the Harbour which are similarly affected, and it seems to me that sooner or later the system now in force of discharging crude sewage into the waters of the Harbour will have to be abolished at certain places, and a more modern method substituted.

This is a matter relating to the health of the community and forms a big problem to which I have no doubt the Government is fully alive. It is a problem which has arisen in many other Ports of which I have had experience.

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BROMWICH IN TENNIS INCIDENT

John Bromwich's part in an exhibition tennis tournament in March at the Rushcutter Bay courts was the subject of a special report to the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia by the N.S.W.L.T.A.

The L.T.A.A. council decided to call for the report after it had received a letter on the tournament from the N.S.W. body, which said that it had asked Bromwich for an explanation.

Bromwich and Pails had been drawn to play in two singles and one doubles match. Bromwich had not complied fully with the request. The letter exonerated Pails.

Sir Norman Brooks, chairman, said that because the tournament was a national fixture it devolved upon the council to take action, but after discussion it was agreed that it should be left to New South Wales to take action, as that body had been asked to arrange the tournament.

Yoong played brilliantly to beat Hooi in a thrilling match, but his form in his doubles match on Tuesday was far from impressive. Wong's form, however, has also been variable but his experience and clever placement are expected to carry him through to the final.

In the mixed doubles event, P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulan Khoo, who won the season before last, will be opposed to M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthre Silva. In many quarters the former pair are expected to regain the crown but their opposition is predicted to be strong. Oliveira is a great force and a fast about court, while Miss Silva is probably the finest lady player in the Colony. Hooi's superiority over Oliveira, however, will probably decide the issue.

T. S. Young and K. Fung should win their junior double against C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier, while Young is also expected to beat Chelliah in the event of the latter being fit enough to play. If Chelliah is unable to turn out this evening he will concede a walk over.

Following is the programme:

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva (8.30 p.m.).

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and K. Fung v C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier.

SENIOR SINGLES

P. H. Wong v M. P. Yoong.



PASSING OF A GREAT BOXER

Another sportsman who has passed over is Tancy Lee, famous Scottish boxer, who caused a sensation at the National Sporting Club during the last war by compelling Jimmy Wilde to retire in 17 rounds. Lee was knocked down and killed by a bus in his native Leith recently.

At the time he won the championship from Wilde, Lee had only a modest reputation. He was regarded as "easy game" for the incomparable Wilde, and what made his victory the more astonishing was Lee's age. He was 33 and the father of six children. Not till he was past 30 did Lee engage in his first professional fight. He continued in the ring until he was 45, and after losing the fly-weight title back to Wilde, moved up into the feather weight division and won a Lonsdale belt outright with three championship triumphs.

The council of the New South Wales Bowling Association decided recently to recommend all affiliated clubs to adopt uniform blazers and hats. The blazers will be of royal blue serge of a shade to be chosen, the name of the club to be in plain block letters in gold on the left hand top pocket. The hatband will be the same colour, with the club's name, also in gold, diagonally across the front.

HUTTON BREAKS HIS ARM

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire cricketer, broke an arm during army duties recently. He will miss the early part of the coming cricket season.

BEST BRITISH BANTAM AND FLYWEIGHT BOXER

Nine days after storming his way to victory over Paddy Ryan in defence of the British flyweight championship, Jackie Paterson took the ring again at Newcastle and this time handed a points beating to Jim Brady, of Dundee.

It was a close struggle for a few rounds, with Brady's clever ducking and swaying unsettling Paterson; but later Paterson began to connect with his heavy hooks, and towards the end he was plastering Brady with punishment.

No title was involved, the journey being limited to 10 rounds, but it was a notable win all the same, for Paterson was giving weight to a man who recently beat Kid Tanner for the Empire bantamweight championship. This virtually establishes Paterson as the best fighter in both flyweight and bantam classes.

FERRIER TO STAY IN AMERICA

JIM FERRIER, the Australian golf champion, who announced recently that he was making his appearance as a professional in the North-South championship at Pinehurst, has given his reasons for taking the step.

He is, however, most reticent about his citizenship plans. He would prefer not to make any statement about that subject.

When asked when he intended returning to Australia Ferrier said: "That is a hard question. The answer is I really do not know."

"I turned professional because two good offers came simultaneously and I could not afford to turn them down," he said. "I had an offer of the professional job at the Elmhurst Country Club, Chicago, by Fred Snite, senior, father of the 'iron lung' patient, for an undisclosed sum and I was considering it when I received another offer to represent Wilson's Sporting Goods Company, the largest in the world. I accepted both. The Wilson offer was received on February 24, the day after my birthday. I will begin work at Elmhurst when I finish at the Pinehurst, Greensboro, Asheville, and Augusta."

Ferrier continued: "American golf offers unusual opportunities for a good golfer if he can make the right connections. Golf is a developed business in America, whereas in Australia the game is still in its infancy. More people play golf here and that is the rea-

POLICE TEAM FOR MACAO

Marking the close of the season, Police Hockey Club, runners-up to Club de Recreio, in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament, will make the trip to Macao on Sunday to play a combined Macao team, which will most probably be chosen from the players who took part in the recent Inter-port match.

The team will leave on the early morning boat and is expected to return to the Colony the following morning.

Mr. E. C. Lascombe, A. S. P., the manager, and Sergeant Rothwell, the Hon. Secretary, will accompany the team, which will be represented by the following players:

NARANJAN SINGH, MAN SINGH AND BLACKBURN, LES. LIE GOUGH AND HAYWARD, TEJA SINGH, HOWLETT, NARWANT SINGH, PARKER AND BROWN. Reserves: Wall and Jeshi Singh.



BOWLS ON SATURDAY

Marking the opening of their season, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club will entertain Kowloon Football Club in a friendly lawn bowls match at Hunghom on Saturday afternoon.

WAH YAN SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Meeting of the Kowloon Wah Yan College will take place at 1 p.m. to-day, at Kowloon Football Club, Chatham Road.

FAMOUS HORSE DESTROYED

Racing men at Home were sorry to hear Sir Francis Towle's news that he had been compelled to have his famous steeplechaser, Airgead Sios, destroyed. The horse broke down badly at exercise at Epsom and all attempts to put him right failed.

A more spectacular jumper than Airgead Sios could not be imagined. He fairly flew over his fences, and his pace and pulling power on the flat were terrific. He won two Becher's and one Champion chase at Aintree, so there was no doubting his ability to get the course.

Yet, in the huge Grand National field and amid all the excitement and fuss of that great day Airgead Sios was not a champion at all. The National should have been easy for a horse of such jumping powers and speed, but his temperament was not equal to the occasion.

ANOTHER TENNIS PRO.

Dorothy Round, twice winner of the women's singles at Wimbledon, will soon follow Mary Hardwick into professional tennis match play. That is the opinion in London following her reported intention of becoming a professional coach.

Her case is much like Miss Hardwick's. Mary found that the currency restrictions created difficulties for her in the United States, and she signed on with the Alice Marble troupe chiefly because she needed the money to support herself.

Dorothy Round (Mrs. Little, a doctor's wife), evacuated to Canada with her small son, also seeks to be self-supporting while she is out of England. But as she aims at the same time to assist war charities, then she must play match tennis, as there cannot be much left over for war funds out of coaching fees.

RUGBY CLUBS' DISSATISFACTION

With most of the winter gone Rugby football followers have not had a single big match to absorb their attention, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction over it in club circles.

They feel that something should be done and done quickly, by the Rugby Union to stage representative matches. England played Wales twice last season, with the result that over £8,000 was raised for the Red Cross.

Clubs say it is a matter of duty for the R. U. to keep up the good work, yet the indications are that nothing is likely to be done. It is said the R. U. view is that they should do nothing that might add to the road and rail transport problems.

It is difficult, however, to align this opinion with the fact that only recently the sister game of Soccer staged an England-Scotland match at Newcastle, drawing 31,000 people. If it is in order for Soccer to do that, why must Rugby hold its hand?

Soon after war began the R. U. cancelled all club subscriptions, and declared a moratorium on loans. This means that the R. U. have no income; but they have a fat reserve (about £60,000), so it does not hurt them to retire into their shell until the return of peace and prosperity.

Whether this is the right attitude for a governing body to adopt in war time is another matter. Clubs and players argue that the R. U. should be up and doing, putting some life into the game and helping to raise cash for war funds.

Enthusiastic At Opportunity

Ferrier is most enthusiastic over his new jobs and is proudly distributing pamphlets advertising his fourth in the Chicago open golf championship at Elmhurst in July last.

Mrs. Ferrier is equally enthusiastic about her husband receiving the jobs almost a year to the day after Ferrier landed in America. She says she is more delighted as there were 150 applications for the Elmhurst job. Mr. Snite recently spent \$35,000 on the course and \$7,000 on the clubhouse.

Ferrier said when he came here he had no idea of receiving a job. Possibilities were revealed at Miami. He had booked a passage early this year for Australia.

Cricket In Tasmania Like Rural England

THE ASSERTION of the popular song that "There'll Always Be an England" is given an unexpected ring of truth by the way in which cricketers in Australia persist in keeping alive the best traditions of the grand old English summer game despite the war-depleted players' ranks and other difficulties, writes a correspondent from Hobart, Tasmania.

Evidence is the first intra-state game of the season played here in a setting now perhaps more English than the bomb-torn playing fields of the Old Country. Half-a-century-old deciduous trees that might have been plucked from the very heart of rural England shaded the raised turf-covered banks upon which spectators sprawled in village-green fashion to watch the two-day match fought out on the richly verdant oval.

In former years the game has always been a trial of strength before the selection of the State side to meet Mainland state teams. This year it is a tribute to custom, for Tasmania can never field an eleven strong enough to compete with the more populous Mainland states in the serious Sheffield Shield competition and the social games with Mainland sides, in peace years the highest events of the Tasmanian cricketing season, are war casualties.

The result was a not unexpected rout, with Southern Tasmania the victors. Their opponents, Northern Tasmania, held a side mostly comprised of recruits to militia state cricket. In comparison, the Southern eleven, with eight men who have played for Tasmania included, was a detachment of Storm Trooper.

Score was South, 141 in 100 minutes, 219, 96 for three wickets; North, 142 and 200.

CRICKET PLANS AT HOME

Cricket seems far distant, but already some of the counties are making their plans, and it is good to hear that Notts, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Surrey and Essex have plumped for continuance throughout 1941, writes a London Correspondent.

London Counties XI, a war creation, will also be operating with their all-star band of cricketers, such as Sandham, Durston, Sims, Wellard and Jim Smith, that mighty hitter of sixes.

Notts will have Joe Hardstaff turning out for them on occasions, though he is now a sergeant in an anti-aircraft battery. Harris and Butler, of Notts, are also in A.A. units, but it is true of every club that Service claims have made in-roads into their elevens, and some of the team-picking is going to be a bit makeshift.

As an instance of the sort of thing that is liable to happen, switch for a moment to billiards. When Sidney Smith was called up for the Royal Armoured Corps he was due to play a match. The promoter hastily thought of a substitute, and picked Walter Donaldson. But when he phoned the Scottish stylist it was only to learn that he, too, had enlisted.

Unfortunately, Yorkshire cannot see their way to play cricket. They stood down last summer. But, as Sir Stanley Jackson, the president, pointed out in Leeds on January 29, every Yorkshire player under 40 is serving in the Forces.

For all that, Yorkshire, with the aid of juniors and veterans, took part in minor matches for the Red Cross Fund, and raised £2,260.

A news item revealed by Sir Stanley was that John Tunnicliffe, the great Yorkshire opening batsman of a past age (he is now 75), was recently buried for 3½ hours under a bombed building.

Rescuers got Tunnicliffe out, shaken but unharmed.

JOE LOUIS MATCHED WITH BUDDY BAER

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, has been matched with Buddy Baer, Maxie's little brother, for a title bout, it was announced here yesterday. May 23 was set tentatively for the fight.

VETERAN CRICKETER RETIRES

H. S. ("Hammy") Love, veteran wicketkeeper, first-class batsman, and sportsman, has announced his retirement at the end of the season. His has been a long and distinguished career, extending over 30 years.

Love represented New South Wales and Victoria in Sheffield Shield games, but, with the exception of one test match at Brisbane, higher honours eluded him. W. A. Oldfield was an obstacle in his cricketing path.

Love was a sound keeper and batsman in Shield games, having a batting average of 36.4 for 47 completed innings.

STAYED FIVE ROUNDS AGAINST LOUIS

Clarence Burman, the redhaired Irish-American, went into the fifth round against Joe Louis in New York recently thus upsetting most of the odds laid against him. The betting boys did not wager on the result, but on the distance of the so-called battle, and few credited Clarence with the ability to survive three rounds.

Tommy Farr, who beat Burman easily in London, has since received yet another cable from Milk Jacobs, but, even if he wanted to make the trip (and he cannot make up his mind), there is the problem of securing an exit permit.

Fatty Pearce, the world's professional sculling champion, is in hospital suffering from a broken leg, the result of a professional wrestling match against Wallace Musovich, of Chicago, at the end of March.

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UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Hitler's Next Move Expected In Spain

Attempt To Bribe Marshal Petain

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A COMPLETELY GERMANISED EUROPE SEEMS TO BE AN OVERWHELMING POSSIBILITY OF THE NEAR FUTURE, AND IS PLAINLY THE MISSION OF THE NEW GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

Portugal and Spain are slated for the leading roles in Germany's new campaign and a German drive against Gibraltar is regarded in some quarters as a matter of days.

It is said that unless General Franco agrees to cooperate with Germany, and he is reported to have rejected Germany's initial overtures, Hitler will occupy Spain by force, a step which would make Portuguese resistance impossible or useless.

It is understood that to meet General Franco's objection because of the food shortage, the Reich has ordered Unoccupied France to ship food to Spain. Other supplies will be landed from North Africa under French naval convoy.

Admiral Darlan is now in Paris conferring with M. Laval and the German Ambassador, Herr Otto Abetz, which it is feared by many quarters will prove to be the opening phase of outright French adherence to the Axis.

Petaim's Attitude

Marshal Petaim's attitude is not clear, but Hitler is offering Vichy almost total retention of her pre-war territories, and it is possible that Marshal Petaim will be superseded if he remains stubborn.

IN EFFECT, GERMANY IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE

EQUIVALENT OF A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, GOVERNED AND CONTROLLED FROM BERLIN

It is hinted that Marshal Petaim and Admiral Darlan have made arrangements for a journey to the Pyrenees, ostensibly to visit the famous shrine of Lourdes, but in reality to meet General Franco on the Spanish frontier.

German Plan

The conference, Free French sources in London state, may produce developments unfavourable to Britain.

According to these sources, facilities may be given for more German troops to be sent into North Africa ready to enter Tunisia and Algeria, and converge on French Equatorial Africa, which is not under Vichy control. —International News Service.

WARNING AMERICA TO PERIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Indications are growing that the Administration is embarking on a quick campaign to make the American people more aware of the war dangers.

President Roosevelt declares that there is insufficient appreciation of the real dangers to the United States if Germany should win.

Mr. Cordell Hull is to set the campaign in motion when he makes an important speech to the American Society for International Law to-day.

The Secretary of Commerce and the American Ambassador in Britain, Mr. John Winant, have been urging an end to complacency and "action instead of words."

The drive is seen as intended to pave the way for American naval assistance to assure that the flow of American supplies to Britain is not interrupted.

It is now reported that the Germans are sinking at least two supply ships for every one that can be replaced by new tonnage. —International News Service.

Italian Small Talk

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to the Italian newspaper, "La Stampa," the "Battle of the Aegean" is imminent.

"Huge operations in which the navies of Germany and Italy will participate, will begin soon. The conquest of Dalmatia must be followed by occupation of the Greek islands."

Giovanni Ansaldo, writing in the Rome newspaper "Il Telegrafo" says, "The principle of absolute nationality under which all European nations are considered equal is now finished. It will now be replaced by the recognition of the rights of great and true nations." — International News Service.

TOMISLAV INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ITALIANS, ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY THE SEIZURE OF THE YUGOSLAV SHIP "TOMISLAV" IN SHANGHAI, CLAIM THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST OF THE YUGOSLAVENSKI LLOYD, OWNERS OF THE STEAMER, "TO PROTECT IT."

Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Shanghai agents of the "Tomislav" deny the arrival of any such cabled request.

Shippers are fearing that the same action may be taken with Greek ships, but the Greek Consul declared to-day: "We won't allow it." —International News Service.

SURVIVORS REACH MADEIRA

Twenty-one survivors of the British steamer, Aurillac, which was sunk by enemy action, landed at Funchal, Madeira Is., yesterday in a lifeboat which was towed into port by a Portuguese fisherman. A search for a second missing lifeboat is proceeding. —Reuter.

Hospital Ship Attacked

A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived at Haifa yesterday.

It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately dive-bombed by five Nazi planes whilst embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Still on board the Yugoslav freighter "Tomislav" last night, a party of Italian marines were reported to be dismantling the ship's derricks and mounting guns, according to the local newspapers.

It is understood that the Harbour Master's Office intend to protest to the Italian Consulate against the Marines' action in not allowing Customs Officers to board the ship yesterday for the purpose of investigation. —Reuter.

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